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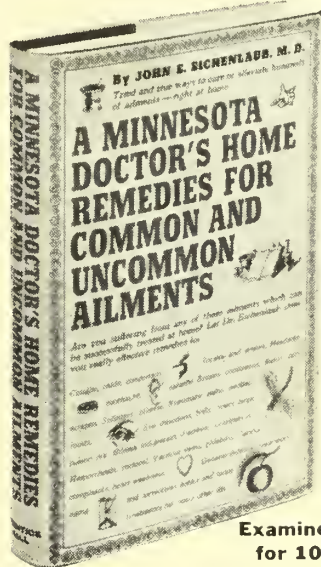
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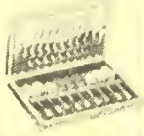
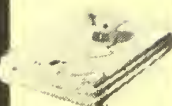
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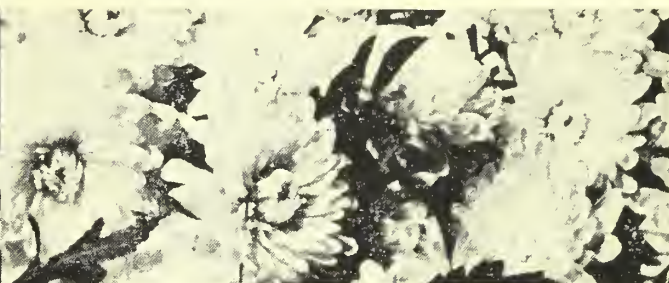
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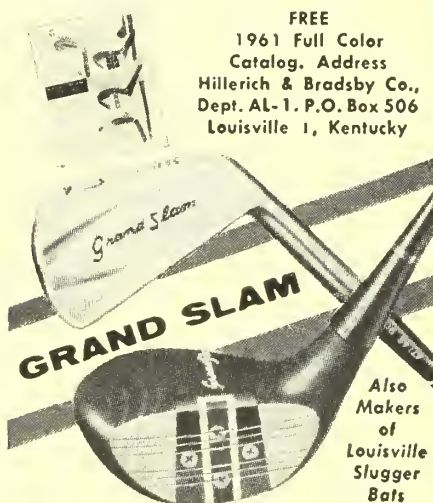
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HYPOCRISY

WE ARE UNABLE to join with the "Muslims" and other intellectuals in their riots and verbiage expressing horror at the abrupt departure from the world of their hero, Patrice Lumumba, ex-thief and more recently the red fuhrer of the Congo. Indeed we think his demise was long overdue, and the hypocrisy of the communists in this case was somewhat more phony than usual. With regard to the latter, the shrill laments of the reds reminded us of the following:

1. General Mikhailovitch, of Yugoslavia, who was taken care of by Tito.
2. General Maleter, of Hungary, betrayed by Khrushchev.
3. Premier Imre Nagy, of Hungary, who also got the business from Nikita.
4. An additional 40,000 Hungarians, exterminated by the Red Army when the Hungarians rose against the U.S.S.R.
5. Some 12,000 Polish officers slaughtered in the Katyn Forest by Stalin's boys.

6. Many American boys, flying in unarmed planes, murdered far from Soviet territory by the Kremlin's flying cowards.

The list could be extended indefinitely, to include the killing, the beating and the raping of many Europeans and Americans in the Congo by Lumumba's followers. But that sort of brutality arouses no indignation. It's only a Lumumba or some other red who rates compassion, crocodile tears, and mass meetings when he gets what is coming to him.

HAMMY HAMLETS

ON PAGE 12 of this issue you will find an article entitled "Who's SANE?" which describes some of the curious goings-on at one meeting of those who are promoting what they consider to be a Sane Nuclear Policy. At this session, starring the ubiquitous Linus Pauling, Charles W. Wiley, the author of our article, found some familiar faces—people who have played footsie with communist enterprises in the past and who apparently feel that getting the United States to disarm is a worthwhile project.

But SANE also has some highly publicized noncommunists promoting their brand of disarmament. Show business, for instance, is well-represented with people sometimes referred to as "luminaries of stage, screen and broadcasting." Which indicates that a change has taken place. Time was when a "luminary's" press agent, or flack, used to try to make his client famous by feeding columnists stale jokes and gossip attributed to the great one who paid him a fee. Nowadays these

hams go in for big causes, and issue manifestoes, hold press conferences and otherwise take themselves seriously.

CAMPUS NOTE

THERE IS ANOTHER TYPE of ham now taking part in "the big issues." This is the campus cutup whose sense of exhibitionism once caused him to swallow goldfish, take part in snake dances down Collegetown's Main Street, and engage in panty raids on girls' dormitories. But now these disturbed adolescents have found a better way to attract attention to themselves. They stage protest meetings opposing loyalty oaths; gather to hail Castro, Oppenheimer, and other darlings of the left; participate in red-led riots such as the San Francisco fiasco directed at the House Un-American Activities Committee, etc.

Even though these people are inplementing the advance of communism, it would be ridiculous to look upon them as traitors. Indeed, very few of them are even communists. So the most charitable conclusion to be drawn is that they are not intelligent enough to see how they are being used by people who are a lot smarter than they are. But on many campuses, a new element is beginning to appear. Conservative students are now organizing to challenge the monopoly that leftists have long had on our colleges and universities. The organization is called Young Americans for Freedom, and the headquarters is located at 343 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

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FROM NOW ON the United States Information Agency is going to deal with the truth; the whole truth and nothing but the truth. No exaggerations, distortions, innuendoes, white lies or even fibs. Edward R. Murrow, the new boss of our global propaganda bureaucracy, has laid it on the line.

"But whatever is done," he has declared, "will have to stand on a rugged basis of truth."

In line with this, we wonder if Truthful Ed will rerun some of the "Person to Person" epics that gave him a measure of fame. Such as, and for instance:

His portrayal of The American Legion (evil and sinister fascist types) contrasted with the American Civil Liberties Union (sweetly reasonable and highly intelligent seekers after justice).

His show which proved conclusively that American business, particularly big business, relies largely on the services of prostitutes cast as supersalesladies.

His shows which went to bat for such characters as Alger Hiss, John Stewart Service, Owen Latimore, Fidel Castro, Annie Lee Moss and other worthies. And of course some well-remembered programs which put the Murrow knock on people who were fighting communism.

Anyway, it is reassuring to know that from here on out the recipients of U.S. foreign aid and others will also be getting generous helpings of "the truth," Edward R. Murrow style. In the battle for the minds of men, Murrow is a cinch to out-point even such expert dealers in the truth as Ilya Ehrenberg and Nikita himself.



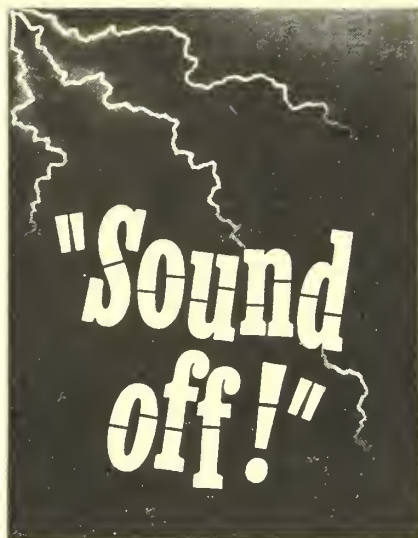
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Joseph H. Hughes
Los Angeles, Calif.

SCRIBE EATON

Sir: Nikira's buddy, Cyrus Eaton, multimillionaire industrialist of Cleveland, Ohio, seems to be busily engaged in dispensing the commie peace line by writing letters for newspaper forums. One of his lengthy "blurbs" appeared in the Reader's Forum of the Spokane, Wash., *Spokesman-Review* a few days ago. I seem to remember, too, that one from Mrs. Eaton appeared in your "Sound Off!" section last year. It would seem that the Eatons now have a nationally syndicated column, as their letters seem to be springing up all over.

E. P. Morrison
Coffey, Wash.

Whenever you find a letter of the Eaton type in your local newspaper, why not answer it? For that matter, why wait for an Eaton-type letter before you express yourself concerning communism and those who promote it?

The Editors

TERM INSURANCE

Sir: I wish to express my appreciation for the information and advice given to WWI veterans regarding their term

insurance. I am retired from business and receive a veteran's pension and I had wondered how I could continue my term insurance with a recent increase in rates and not enough income to meet the payments. I therefore contacted the Veterans Administration at Buffalo and received word that I was eligible for benefits without paying further premiums. I am sure that other veterans have benefited by this article.

George J. Engel
Buffalo, N.Y.

WORTH REMEMBERING

Sir: A man cannot lay down his life unless he knows and loves that for which he dies—that for which he lives fully. If his own life is offered to him and he sees no greater cause, he will choose life. Only for a greater reason will he barter his life. We must see to it that the greater reason is made clear to all. Discipline and purpose must be made more a part of life than self-indulgence and gratification.

Susan Chaskel
Bay Shore, N.Y.

RED MERCHANDISE

Sir: Not long ago, President Kennedy proposed to reduce the amount of "tax- and duty-free" foreign merchandise that an American tourist may bring back into the U.S. from a foreign country. Why take it all out on the U.S. tourist? The American market is literally flooded with merchandise from Iron Curtain countries. For example: (1) Beer glasses, cocktail shakers, hams, and Christmas tree ornaments from Poland. (2) Sewing machines and optical goods from Czechoslovakia. (3) Wooden folding chairs and leather goods from Yugoslavia. (4) Cameras and Dresden pottery from the Russian-dominated East Zone of Germany. (5) Any number of other items too numerous to mention here. Much of the aforementioned merchandise enters this country with few or no taxes and or customs imposts and also for some strange and peculiar reason the customary "country of origin" mark is placed on this merchandise in such a manner that the buyer has difficulty seeing it. If it is necessary to have these goods from Iron Curtain countries on the U.S. market, legislation should be enacted to make it necessary (1) to mark all of it so that the buyer knows where it comes from, and (2) to see that advertisements for this communist merchandise give full information as to its origin.

William Kopf
New York, N.Y.

MEN OF THE ARGONNE

Sir: I liked Wallace Williams' story in the March issue. I, too, was in the Argonne for 30 days. Romagne Cemetery in the Argonne has 14,243 graves today. In 1918 more than 45,000 bodies were buried there but two-thirds of them have been returned to families

here. I remember this as a member of the 7th Machinegun Bn., 3d Division, because Romagne was in our sector. I recall many things such as brave men becoming very scared and scared men becoming brave and men of little rank taking over positions of high officers who were casualties, and doing better jobs. If Winston Churchill had spent 30 days in the Argonne he could write 50 volumes.

James P. Mooers
Randolph, Mass.

CONSTANT BATTLE

Sir: Why does a veteran meet with so much opposition from his government through the Veterans Administration when he applies for hospitalization or compensation for a service-connected disability? It means a battle all the way. We give billions to other nations, including two communist countries, but the veteran is looked upon with suspicion.

Name Withheld
Newark, N.J.

SOVIET TRADE

Sir: I was appalled to read about a Vermont machine tool company that was willing, without any qualms of conscience, to fill a technical gap for the enemy by selling him machinery to make miniaturized ball bearing assemblies for use in missiles. Fortunately, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd stepped in in time to prevent the consummation of the deal. Our forefathers would have known how to handle this problem very promptly.

Martin F. McCall
Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Soviet did not get the tools, thanks to Sen. Dodd, but it was subsequently announced that the reds did get blueprints of the machinery. Once again, it would appear, someone in the State Department goofed in Russia's favor by authorizing this transaction.

The Editors

PATRIOTISM

Sir: For some years I have searched vainly in television and radio programs for patriotic music, the beloved poems we used to hear about our country, the pledge of allegiance to our flag, and other expressions of patriotism. Hungry as my family and I have been for these things, we have not heard them and I would like to know why television and radio stations cannot present to us frequently "The Star-Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," John Philip Sousa marches, etc. And please let us have patriotic poems like "The Flag Goes By," "God Save the Flag," etc.

S. T. Stockton
Rosemead, Calif.

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YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Information that can help you with everyday problems.

Although this year's driving season barely has started, some of the big auto makers already have their 1962 plans drawn up.

In a nutshell: You'll see more models than ever next year, with another sizable dose of new compacts. Two of the major lines — Chevrolet and Ford — are just about set now, and this is what they look like:

Chevrolet: In addition to the present Corvair (compact) and standard Chevis, three new "H-35" jobs will make their debut. Two of them will be compacts with front engines. The third will be a V-8 to compete with Ford's Thunderbird.

Ford: A compact "Canadian X" and possibly a sub-compact "Cardinal" will take their place alongside the Falcon, Comet, standard Ford, and Thunderbird. "Canadian X" will have a wheel base of 115½ in., making it slightly larger than the Comet. The "Cardinal", whose unveiling still isn't definite, probably will have a tiny 95-in. wheelbase.

If you have any antiques (very loosely defined as objects over 100 years old) lying around your attic, you may have a neat little investment. Demand has grown so intense that even with a liberal influx of foreign goods, prices still are on the rise.

Behind this boom are three major factors:

1) Decorators are mixing antiques with modern styles (Danish, for example) to get more striking effects. This has brought additional buyers into the market.

2) Europeans — notably West Germans — are scrambling to retrieve the merchandise they sold when times were bad.

3) Acquisition of antiques for investment purposes is growing.

In fact, the trade has become so lucrative that even India and Thailand — heretofore extremely cautious about letting ancient objects out of their countries — now permit a trickle of exports under stiff taxes. Other relatively new shippers: Africa and Mexico.

An up-to-date version of a handy little guide on how to help the young people in your community is now available. It's entitled "How To Organize a Youth Center"; your Coca-Cola bottler will send you a copy of it without charge.

Youth centers (often sponsored by American Legion Posts) provide teenagers with club and social activities that lead to better citizenship and less mischief. The booklet explains how to swing such a deal from the angles of (1) financing, (2) management, and (3) membership rules. (It also gives some pointers on how to avoid disaster.)

If the brochure doesn't cover any details you may need, you can get additional information by writing William H. Boring, Jr., The Coca-Cola Co., P.O. Drawer 1734, Atlanta, Ga.

Notes of the month:

PAY TV is going to get another test starting this fall in Hartford, Conn. But this time the programs will be broadcast (not transmitted via phone lines as in prior experiments). Payees can get movies and non-commercial fare for about \$1 by having a special reception device installed on the sets they are now using.

SEAT-BELT HARDWARE will be standard equipment on all new cars next fall. This will save you the cost of the fixtures (upwards of \$20 per pair), but you'll still have to buy your own belts at around \$7 apiece.

FASTER COLOR SHOTS are promised with Eastman's new Kodachrome II, now coming on the market for both still and movie cameras. Price and processing are slightly more expensive, but the film is 2½ times as fast as the old version.

CHORD ORGANS of the electric-reed type, which had a fantastic boom only a year ago, today are being cut to \$75 and less in many lines. Reason: The bonanza backfired by stimulating frantic production; meantime some of the novelty has worn off.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

That Bunch of Poppies

This is what people buy with the money

they put in Poppy Day containers.

By **GEORGE ANDRUS**

SINCE 1934 I HAVE felt a great obligation to The American Legion, especially to the Legion Auxiliary, and someday I hope I may be able to repay that obligation. My story isn't too long, and I wish you would read it.



At the time of the depression in 1930, I was working at my trade, electrical construction, in Rainier, Ore. But the power company buttoned up the construction works and my job ended.

I sold a few radios, did a little wiring, but it wasn't enough. I had a little workshop and I started making magazine racks, children's table and chair sets, toys, etc., completely finished but knocked down. This enabled me to carry a lot of them in my car, and when I sold them to dealers I would set them up. Business grew, so eventually we were able to move back to Portland.

In 1934 I was suddenly taken sick and went to the Jackson VA Hospital in Portland. Two weeks passed that I could not account for. Then one day my oldest daughter came to see me. Though I could hardly raise my head I knew there was something wrong, and a little questioning brought out that they had very little to eat at home.

As my daughter left the ward, I noticed that a lady in the doorway said something to her and put something in her hand. Then she came over to me and said, "In a day or so we'll have you up and working, boy." Sick, flat on my back, I wasn't in the mood for jokes, and said so. In fact, I could hardly see her for the tears in my eyes.

A couple of days later she came into the ward pushing a cart, and headed for my bed. Fixing my pillow, she said, "Here I am, back again. Now I'm going to show you how to make Legion poppies." She showed me how — with a lot of effort on her part. I think I made only 10 the first day but before long I was earning \$8 and \$10 a week. Soon I was up and out of bed in a wheel chair, going along the hall from ward to ward raising hell and making poppies. I am convinced that it was the poppies that snapped me out of it and saved my life. All I can say now is, "Thanks to the Poppy Girls," but my daily prayer is that in return I may be able to give to the world something that will make the going a little easier for others.

THE END



The Fighting Newsboy of the 101st

By **JOHN J. BRENNAN**

THE LIEUTENANT WIPED the sweat off his face and looked at the kid standing in front of him. How the hell could he ask a kid to do this thing? It stuck in his throat. It was like asking a schoolboy to climb into the ring with Dempsey.

"How do you feel, Scotty?" he croaked.

"OK, sir," the big grin flashed out from under the mud-streaked helmet. The deadly "shoo-shoo" gun was cradled in the kid's arms.

"That shoo-shoo working all right?"

"Yes, sir." A cloud crossed the kid's face. That gun was always working right. It was his and he was proud of it. Wasn't he the best automatic rifleman in the company?

Around them, the shelling continued without a letup. The rolling barrage had already lifted and passed them. In a few minutes the scuttle helmets would be appearing, bayonets at the ready.

"The Krauts got us in a bind, Scotty," said the lieutenant. "This flank is exposed and somebody's got to protect it. We've been shot up pretty bad but we've got to hold up 'til reinforcements get here. Think you can work it? I'm asking you to volunteer."

For the first time Scotty noticed that the lieutenant's left arm was hanging limp, an ugly red-brown blotch staining his sleeve near the shoulder.

"Sure, I mean, yes, sir."

The lieutenant took a deep breath. "See that path, Scotty? That's your target. Not a Hun must cross it."

"Yes, sir."

"Good luck. Don't take any chances. I'll have relief for you up here on the double. Remember, we're counting on you."

The lieutenant turned and staggered down the path toward the rear. The boy set up his shoo-shoo beside the trunk of a tree. He had chosen a good spot for his stand. It was at the top of a slight rise and he could see anyone coming better than they could see him. He squinted down the path and cocked the shoo-shoo. In five months he would be 17. In five months . . . if he lived.

The road to Belleau Wood had been a short one for Albert Edward Scott of



Albert Edward Scott, of Brookline, Mass., and the Distinguished Service Cross he won.

Scotty was just a kid but he grew up fast

and died at Belleau Wood doing a man's job.

Brookline, Mass. He had been born Dec. 12, 1901, the son of Stewart and Ethel Louise Scott. His birthplace was Charlestown, almost on the slopes of Bunker Hill and when he was old enough to understand what had taken place there, he was proud. After his family moved to Brookline, he sort of felt one-up on the Brookline kids because of his birthplace. In history class at the Edward Devotion School he liked to tell the story of the battle. He did it so well that some of the younger pupils suspected that Scotty had

somehow been there directing the American in the fight.

By the time Scotty was in eighth grade there were very few people who didn't know him. Already some of the town's merchants had their eye on him, figuring he was the sort of boy they'd like to have work in their stores or businesses. Serious, yet friendly. A boy with a big grin, his hair parted carefully in the middle, he'd be an asset to anyone who hired him. Yes he would.

People knew Scotty because he sold

In 1922 the body of Pvt. Scott was brought back to his home town and buried after a mass at St. Aidan's Church. Attending were 31 men of his old company.



PHOTOS BY BOSTON HERALD-TRAVELER



The lieutenant told him not a Hun should pass. More than 30 of them did not.

papers at Coolidge Corner, then, as now, one of the busiest sections of Brookline. People got used to seeing Scotty there after school in rain, shine or snow, hawking his papers. His cheerfulness, even on the rawest days, was famous and many a tip entered his pocket just because of that grin.

Folks around there tell of the time a big kid tried to move in on him. This young thug from Brighton would come up to newsboys in the area, shake a brass-

knuckled fist under their noses and tell them to pay up or else. He dressed himself like the juvenile delinquents of his day and you could spot him a mile off as trouble on-the-hoof. The day Scotty saw him, he was wearing a derby cocked over one eye, with a cigar in the corner of his mouth. He had on soiled checkered long trousers and yellow shoes.

He moseyed over to Scotty as though he owned most of Coolidge Corner and

had a mortgage on the rest. The thug looked Scotty up and down, sneering at the knickers and the drooping stockings, the bundle of papers under his arm.

"Hey, kid," he growled, holding the knucks under Scotty's nose. "Take a look at these. If you don't kick in to me each week I'm gonna feed 'em to ya."

Scotty calmly looked him straight in the eye and then jammed a hard left into it. The bully spun around and sat down hard, the knuckles rolling away into the dust. Scotty bent over, scooped them up and stuck them in his pocket.

Then he turned to the bully.

"Scram," he said simply. The lout scrambled along on his hands and knees a few feet to make sure Scotty didn't think he was standing up to fight, grabbed his derby and took off. He never bothered Scotty or any other kid around Coolidge Corner again.

Scotty graduated in June wearing, like most of the other boys, his first pair of long trousers. The smaller boys looked at them in envy and tried to wish away the time until they too could wear these symbols of manhood. The principal gave the usual spiel about the future and the opportunities that lay ahead for the Class of 1917 but this year the talk had different overtones. America was at war and the principal reminded his audience of their duties as Americans. What the principal was saying was just what Scotty believed so he listened carefully. When the time came to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" his voice rang out just a little louder than the rest. When the tightly rolled white diploma was put in his hand his mind was already miles away at the frontlines in France.

A couple of weeks after graduation Scotty went into town with a pal to see the big recruiting rally on Boston Common. The 101st Infantry was looking for volunteers. The 101st, it might be said, was the pride of Massachusetts. There was a bandstand draped with bunting and up on the platform was a veteran of the Civil War, a soldier from the Spanish-American War and one from the fighting in France. The sergeant was giving a pep talk about the wonders of enlistment in the 101st. The Mayor of Boston was up there too, waving at his constituents with a glad hand. A band thumped out "It's a Long Way to Tipperary." The crowd hushed as a one-armed British sergeant began to speak. The sergeant told of fighting for democracy in the trenches and how the Hun murdered the children of Belgium. Then the band played "The Stars and Stripes Forever." The Mayor stood up, gave a short talk and misquoted Wilson to everyone's satisfaction. The crowd cheered. A pair of pretty girls, one dar-

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ILLUSTRATED BY HARVEY KIDDER

By CHARLES W. WILEY

I KNEW IT WAS the right place when two offbeat characters handed me Trotskyite literature. Wherever there is a gathering which is of special interest to Stalinists, the Trotskyites are never far behind, and in this case the rally was being staged by the SANE Committee (the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy). The date was Oct. 24th of last year and it was being held to honor United Nations Day. Obviously the commies were not putting themselves out to pay tribute to Dag Hammarskjöld's organization, but getting non-communist nations to disarm is of surpassing interest to the reds, so it could be assumed that some comrades would be among those present to hear "your survival discussed."

This particular gathering consisted of 2,500 "peace fighters" in the Grand Ballroom of New York's Hotel Commodore, plus a few hundred unlucky souls outside the overcrowded hall. However, a kindly committee official stood on a chair giving them a pep talk—and since they survived that, an H-bomb should be easy to take.

Saved by a press card, I was escorted into the ballroom by a young man whose armband identified him as an usher. Like the scout who insisted on taking the unwilling old lady across the street, he fought like a tiger to drag me through the crowd to the press section in front, but I finally broke loose and mingled with the audience.

Standing in the rear of the ballroom was a man who looked familiar, but I



As at so many such meetings, culture was dispensed in the form of some tired folk songs intoned to gee-tar accompaniment.

Who's SANE?

A fellow who went to one of those "let's us

disarm" conclaves ran into some interesting people.



Collectors rattling cups reminded the audience that peace has its price.

couldn't place him. Wearing a well-tailored suit and holding an expensive hat, he watched the proceedings intently. A woman companion, younger than he, spoke to him several times but received only nods or single-word responses. I racked my brain but couldn't remember his name, and finally gave up to look over some of the interesting literature being distributed.

In addition to SANE Committee handouts and more Trotskyite material, there was propaganda from such groups as the Committee To Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and "literature" concerning Castro's 26th of July Movement. Tables in the rear of the hall were piled high with free 40-page booklets published by the Fund for the Republic with tax-exempt money.

This particular "contribution to the discussion of the Free Society" (the Fund's description—not mine) was "Community of Fear," by Harrison Brown and James Real, the kind of seare piece that has helped the communists blackmail a not-so-brave Free World.

In 1959 I attended the communist-controlled World Youth Festival in Vienna, and after a few minutes of wandering through the SANE audience it seemed like old home week. Sitting in the ballroom were numerous American delegates to the Festival, including Marvin Markman, chairman of the United States Festival Committee. Identified before a congressional committee as an important Communist Party member, Markman took the fifth amendment when asked about it last year. Several of



All sorts of literary bonbons were to be had for free. Not all dealt with SANE things, but there were similarities.

those in the hall had traveled to the U.S.S.R. as members of a communist tour group. I'd been with the group as an observer of their antics. (See "Going to Russia?" by Charles W. Wiley, *The American Legion Magazine*, May 1960.)

Nor were these the only links to my past. Leading the cheering in one section of the audience was "Grandpa" Reynolds, a bearded American whom I'd last seen three months ago in Havana. He lived in Cuba until recently and harangued visitors with vicious attacks on the United States. Reynolds told me that things were still fine in Castroland, and that he had only returned to the United States because of doctor's orders.

Still another familiar face was that of a Parents' Association president with whom I had clashed at the public school in my neighborhood. In addition, there were dozens of reds whom I had seen at various communist and front meetings in New York City.

After two speakers had drawn a black picture for an audience that almost seemed to get a masochistic thrill from the more dire predictions of death and suffering, entertainment was offered as a change of pace. Some of the scheduled star performers failed to show up, so singer Cynthia Gooding carried on alone. Armed with a guitar, she made the communists in the audience feel at home with the type of tired folk songs

ILLUSTRATED BY DAVE PASCAL

that all sound alike and are sung at leftist meetings everywhere in the world. As she performed, my memory went back to Vienna where it seemed that every second American delegate at the Youth Festival had a guitar. (Small world department: Leaflets distributed at the close of the meeting advertised a



The Star: Dr. Linus Pauling who once lost his way on a cliff.

folk singing concert where Miss Gooding shared the bill with Bill McAdoo, "cultural coordinator" of the United States Festival Committee.)

When the speeches were resumed, the target for the evening was zeroed in. Amid cheers and applause, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee was raked fore and aft. The attacks on the

committee were for its hearings concerning SANE, but it was clear that both speakers and audience had judged the committee long before the investigation of SANE.

The biggest plug of the evening was given to the best-seller "On the Beach," the pacifist novel that became so famous as a hit movie. The SANE Committee urged that everyone buy several copies.

The collection was carried on with a drummer calling first for \$500 donations, then \$100's, and so on down to the five-spots. When donations slowed down, the crowd was asked to pay a little more for its survival—and even an outsider has to admit that survival isn't put on sale every day.

While they were combing the audience for ten-dollar donors, a woman handed me a Fair Play for Cuba Committee pamphlet and offered to answer any questions. She smiled broadly when I showed interest, but was completely flustered when I identified myself as a newsman who had been held for over a week by the Cuban secret police. I explained that no charges were ever made against me, and asked how the Fair Play Committee felt about Castro justice. She stammered, "Mistakes will happen," then rushed off to propagandize those who don't know any better.

At the end of the collection I went to a spot near the man whose name I was trying to recall—but still I couldn't remember who he was.

The big star of the show was Prof. Linus Pauling, veteran joiner of communist fronts, who was recently called before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Given a hero's welcome by the crowd, Pauling was obviously pleased and spent the first 10 minutes of

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Also present was Marvin Markman, a "yoot" leader who "took the 5th."

By **THOMAS J. FLEMING**

"DADDY—WHO is Joseph Warren?" I was standing with my 5-year-old son Tommy, and my 6-year-old daughter Alice, in the dim musty interior of the Bunker Hill Monument Museum on Breed's Hill in Boston. A heroic-sized statue of Warren dominates the room.

"Joseph Warren?" I stammered. "Er-



Henry Knox deployed his artillery at Trenton as though it were motorized.

ah—well he must have fought at Bunker Hill. I'm not sure what he did. . . ."

Outside, we stared up at the grim-faced statue of Col. William Prescott, sword in hand. Again came the inevitable question, "What did *he* do?" Again my answer was vague and evasive.

Driving home from our tour of Boston I was morose. We had taken the trip because my wife and I felt it was a part of the country every young American should know. We felt it would be "a learning experience," as they say in the psychological textbooks. But it had turned out to be an object lesson in how much Daddy and Mommy did *not* know about American history. This was doubly galling to me because I had always had a lively personal interest in history. But my reading, I now realized, had been totally undirected and indiscriminating. My main interest had been the

Civil War, and I had devoured everything in sight on that magnificent American epic.

But I had read practically nothing about the American Revolution. Why was I, a college graduate, nothing less than an ignoramus about the war which won our freedom, the era in which the basic character of our nation took shape? The grim answer was plain: no one had ever bothered to point me in that direction. In 16 years of school, 12 in New Jersey and 4 in New York, no one had ever taught me a course in the history of our Revolution.

Back home, my wife and I decided to see what we could do to cure our ignorance. We began reading about the Revolution. Partly because of my paren-

in New England and New York for information about Bunker Hill and the men who fought there. Another year of writing and rewriting and I had finished "Now We Are Enemies," the story of Bunker Hill seen through the eyes—and told (as often as possible) in the words—of the men who fought there. When the job was finished I realized I had done more than write a book. I had even done more than stuff my head with a mass of new facts about a particular period in American history. I had acquired an insight into American character and a new sense of this nation's mission in history.

I had also discovered that I was by no means alone in my ignorance about the Revolution. We conducted a modest poll in New York, in connection with



We had many poltroons, too, men who thought only of saving their own skins.

tal humiliation, I devoted a major portion of my time to the opening year, particularly the fighting at Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill. The more I read, the more astounded I was by the gap between the conventional picture of Bunker Hill, and what really happened there. Though much had been uncovered by scholars, there had been no full-length book on this—the first real battle of the Revolution—the clash that made the war inevitable—in almost one hundred years. Though I held a full-time job, I decided I could not resist the challenge to write that book.

That decision was the opening shot in a two-year campaign ransacking libraries

publicity for "Now We Are Enemies." We asked 100 people who won the battle of Bunker Hill. Ninety out of the hundred confidently replied: "We did—the Americans." The truth is, of course, the direct opposite. Bunker Hill was an American defeat.

This bland assumption of victory is, I think, one key to understanding why most Americans do not have much interest in the Revolution. In our schools and in our popular books about the period, there has been a continuous tendency to fictionalize the whole experience. Everything is painted rose or gold. Washington is a graven image who

ILLUSTRATED BY GORDON HAKE

Thomas J. Fleming is the author of "Now We Are Enemies," an account of the Battle of Bunker Hill, published by St. Martin's Press.

be Fun

In the pages of American History Books you can meet some of the most interesting people who ever lived.



Joseph Warren, whose statue dominates the interior of the Bunker Hill Monument, rallied his men and died on Breed's Hill.

never told a lie, never made a mistake, never wavered in his leadership. The men in the next rank—the other leaders of the Revolution—are a lot of faceless names and dates; we get not a hint of the complex, fascinating human beings they really were. The Americans shiver their way across the Delaware or suffer in the snow at Valley Forge, but the general

impression is that they were always triumphant. It is a picture without contrasts, without reality, lifeless and unbelievable.

By emptying the Revolution of reality, we have destroyed much of its vivid excitement. By failing to acquaint ourselves with the men who stood in the second rank of Revolutionary leadership, we have deprived ourselves of a source of inspiration in many ways more powerful than the figure of Washington himself. Let us consider, for a moment, a few of these men whom I met at Bunker Hill.

First, the Joseph Warren my son asked about. Eloquent, handsome, a lover of fine clothes, at 34 he was already one of the most brilliant physicians in America. An idealist to the core, he was described by one friend as a man who "stepped forward into public view, not that he might be noted and admired for a patri-

otic spirit, but because he *was* a patriot." Warren was an aristocrat, but he was also a close friend of Paul Revere's, leader of Boston's rough, tough North-enders; it was Warren who gave the burly silversmith the order to begin his historic ride on Apr. 19, 1775.

With his idealism Warren combined a fierce courage. His friend John Adams said Warren's courage "would have been rash absurdity were it not tempered by self-control." As president of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, he gave final approval to the plan which became the Battle of Bunker Hill. The following day Warren insisted on joining the men on that isolated hilltop, more accurately known as Breed's Hill. Joseph Warren died there, a few hours later, while trying to organize a handful of Americans, without ammunition or bayonets, for a last stand against the onrushing British regiments. But if Warren had sat out the battle in his study, there is a good chance that the day might have become the

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The 71-year-old man stopped the retreating soldiers. Thirty-three of them followed him up Bunker Hill.



THE

Even those who oppose censorship on principle will usually concede that children ought to be protected against this smut.

FIGHT AGAINST FILTH

**It is hard to convict the degenerates who corrupt children
—and they know it. So the lucrative, dirty business goes on.**

By JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AMERICA'S YOUNG PEOPLE are to-day the targets of vile smut peddlers—those who would distort young lives by degenerate sex pictures, literature and movies. The manufacture and circulation of obscene material are today big business in America. These purveyors of filth are parasites of the most deadly variety, interested only in making a monetary gain at the expense of the moral health of innocent victims. The time has come for the parents of our nation and other interested adults to wake up—to see what is happening and to take firm action in order that the influence exerted by these vicious hucksters of degeneracy can be eradicated from public life.

How can one judge the extent of pornographic pollution pouring forth upon our nation?

Some measure of the extent of this pollution and the effects of it is to be ascertained by a perusal of the average daily newspaper. One recent incident, in which more than 300 pornographic items reportedly were located, was headlined in two different papers as follows: "Raid Smashes Lewdness Club for Marrieds" and "Nip 40-Pair Wife-Swap Ring." Another news item referred to a smut probe on the campus of a well-known college and the resultant arrest of three professors on charges of lewdness and possession of obscene matter. Still another set forth details of what the paper termed a "Smut-of-Week" mail-order business in pornography.

Another effect is visible in public standards and public taste. Very recently a drama critic indicated that audiences "are now tougher." He expressed his belief that they can "take more." Today's audiences, in this critic's opinion, like violence in their drama. Playwrights of the last two years, he said, went casually into such matters as miscegenation,



Children often receive unsolicited dirty books through the mail.

incest and homosexuality. This critic felt that certain well-known dramas dealing with currently daring subjects would be dated within a few years.

I do not quarrel with the critic's conclusion; indeed, I think he is correct. But the implications which one must read into such a conclusion are frightening. What will it take to entertain the still "tougher" audience of tomorrow? How far can the canons of decency and good taste be stretched without being thrust into the discard altogether? What are we to expect of our youth in the future when the standards set by the public are continuously being lowered?

The theater is by no means alone in serving up an increasingly heavy fare emphasizing violence and sexuality today. Television and the movies are doing

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A certain type of peep-show movie house features lurid films such as this and their advertising is even more suggestive.

Mishkin Gets 3 Years, Fined For Obscene Books

NEW YORK (AP)—A Times Square bookdealer convicted of publishing and possessing obscene books was sentenced yesterday to three years in the City Penitentiary and fined \$12,500.

It was one of the stiffest sentences ever given in New York City on such charges.

The bookdealer was Edward Mishkin, 57, of 53 Algonquin Rd., Yonkers.

In the present case, Mishkin was convicted Nov. 16 on 172 counts of a grand jury information. He could have been sentenced to 140 years and fined \$150,000.

Stein asked Gassmar to impose a substantial sentence. Mishbin's attorney, Michael W. Niemi, said he would move to have his client removed from the hospital. In

One of the most notorious filth peddlers, named Mishkin, got away with his low business for years before his conviction.



Flights of wild pigeons, such as this in Louisiana, once darkened the sky.

THE Vanishing Americans

Why scores of North American animals have died out in recent years or are approaching extinction.

By **ALLAN W. ECKERT**

MORE THAN ONE tourist to Florida has stared in perplexity at the crumbling ruins of some strange structures in the water at Plantation Key and asked, "What in the world are those?"

Unfortunately, the answer isn't pleasant. They are not the remains of some ancient fort or glamorous pirate stronghold. Nor are they merely the remains of some early resort or estate. They are, instead, a tragic memorial to the greed of mankind.

These structures are known locally as "the cowpens." It was here, not too many years ago, that Florida manatees (or sea cows) were held in captivity in great numbers after being netted by special crews. Once placed in these enclosures they were doomed.

The manatee — a large, harmless and rather comical-appearing vegetarian mammal which spends its life in the coastal salt water and brackish streams of southern Florida — was decidedly unlucky in that its flesh tasted like remarkably good beef. Before conservationists

realized what was occurring and enacted strict laws forbidding the taking of these creatures, they had become critically low in numbers.

Now, even with heavy protection, the manatee remains in dire straits. Every so often a carcass is washed ashore and investigation almost invariably shows that it has been shot as it surfaced for air — not for the meat but simply for "sport."

Estimates vary regarding the number of Florida manatees now remaining, but even the most optimistic put the present population at less than 500 animals. When any species of living creature becomes this low in number, its future becomes dependent upon the vagaries of nature.

Manatees are extremely sensitive to cold. A sudden freeze could conceivably kill off the remaining few. A hurricane might destroy them. Irresponsible shooters may pick them off one by one until they become extinct. Whether they will survive and regain their former abundance is a moot question. At this point it appears unlikely since most of their former range is now taken up with

human habitation and even their most inaccessible haunts of years ago can now be reached with little difficulty.

The manatee is only one of at least half a hundred species of North American animals whose numbers border on the very critical and which may abruptly become extinct in another week, month or year. It has happened before and unless extreme preventive measures are taken immediately, it will happen again.

The now extinct passenger pigeon is often cited as an example of what can happen to a species. This is a familiar story and not one to linger over at this point. There are other species whose stories are equally tragic, but not so familiar, which have become extinct during our lifetimes — species which could undoubtedly have been saved with adequate care.

Probably the foremost of these is the heath hen, eastern representative of the western prairie chicken, but a species in its own right. This bird once inhabited much of the New England coastal area. As civilization expanded and the bird was hunted increasingly, its range dwindled until it finally became limited

NOW FACING EXTINCTION



Bald Eagle



Roseate Spoonbill



Kit Fox



Whooping Crane



Elephant Seal



This sort of slaughter, product of a day's sport, made strict regulation necessary.

to the confines of Martha's Vineyard, a large island off Cape Cod.

By this time conservation officials were cognizant of the danger to the species and attempted to save it. Hunting the bird was, of course, strictly forbidden. However, Martha's Vineyard was a popular resort area. Vacationers occasionally permitted their campfires to get away from them and severe grass fires swept the island, taking a dreadful toll of the remaining birds.

By the late 1920's, there were fewer than 100 heath hens left. Conservationists declared that the birds were now safe to repopulate because protection was complete: strict regulations regarding fires, shooting and otherwise molesting these birds or their nests had been enforced. Unfortunately, there was one element they couldn't control. When vacationers took leave of the island they frequently neglected to take with them their cats. The cats, as might be expected, quickly reverted to a wild state in order to survive and the birds rapidly disappeared. On Mar. 11, 1932, a resident saw a heath hen and took a picture of it. This was the last heath hen ever seen alive on Martha's Vineyard or elsewhere.

The Gull Island meadow mouse has the distinction—if such it can be called—of being the only creature known to have become extinct by being buried alive. About the turn of the century it abounded on Great Gull Island at the entrance to Long Island Sound. With little warning, massive earthmoving machinery graded the island for fortifications and all these little creatures were wiped out.

Others have become extinct in fairly recent times. The Merriam elk of Arizona and New Mexico passed from existence in 1900. It was followed by the Badlands bighorn sheep of the Dakotas and eastern Montana in 1914. The last wild passenger pigeon died in 1908, although a captive lived to die of old age at the Cincinnati Zoological Gardens in 1914. The Arizagosa meadow mouse became extinct in 1916 when the marsh in which it lived in Inyo County, Calif., burned several times and then was used as a pasture. After a long battle, the great plains wolf was finally destroyed in 1930. The Carolina parakeet—a beautiful yellow and green parrot-like bird—was last seen in 1935 and the Cape Sable sparrow of southwestern Florida finally



Buffalo hunts such as this decimated herds that some experts say once numbered a hundred million.

succumbed to the hurricane of 1937.

There is, of course, nothing we can do now about those creatures already departed from the scene. It is possible, however — *just barely possible* — that their unwarranted extinction might have taught us a lesson. Yet, we are regrettably slow in learning from our mistakes and even slower in acting. The gradual vanishing of other American species proves this. These are species which can and *will* become extinct unless a strong program is adopted immediately to preserve them. For some it may be too late already.

That such a program can be effectively launched has been proven by the steps taken to preserve the beautiful whooping crane. In 1938, only 14 of these magnificent birds remained alive. Wintering grounds in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana became uninhabitable for them for one reason or another until only a stretch of Texas coastal area continued to beckon them on their southward migration. That site was quickly preserved as the Aransas National Refuge.

Each spring, however, the birds migrated north to some unknown locality to breed. Conservationists each fall waited expectantly to see how many would return from the north. A vast search was begun and a reward offered for information leading to the discovery of the nesting grounds. It paid off. A private pilot flying over the grassy marshlands south of Great Slave Lake in Canada spotted them. A subsequent expedition found the area to be the long-sought breeding grounds. This, too, was quickly made into a refuge by the Canadian government.

Although the whooping crane is still precariously low in numbers—39 at last count—and could succumb overnight to some natural disaster, the fact that it is

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By DAVID X. MANNERS

THIS YEAR, MORE PEOPLE than ever will paint their houses themselves. The reason is simple. It costs far less. When you do your own house, you pay only for materials. A contractor must also pay for labor, his truck, insurance and taxes, allow for seasonal lay-offs, for time spent in soliciting work and supervising it. His typical charge: \$400 to \$500. You can do it — for \$75!

Chances are, you can achieve professional-looking results even though you've never tackled a house before. New scrapers, paint removers and crack fillers have been especially designed to make painting preparation simpler for the homeowner. Improved paints take the talent out of application. They go on smoothly, without lapmarks, and good weather is no longer a requisite. New water-thinned varieties which can be used even during damp or chilly periods will dry in an hour and permit two coats in one day. Cleaning up, too, is easier — usually just a matter of soap and water.

But don't fool yourself. Painting a house is still a man-sized job. It can easily monopolize your summer, leaving you no time for anything else. If you'd rather be out on your boat, and you have the cash to spare, by all means get someone to do your painting for you. Call in three or four reliable contractors, specify exactly what is to be done and what paint used, and you'll be assured of the best deal.

But painting really doesn't have to take all your time. Get other members of the family to pitch in. If 80 hours must be spent, it won't loom so large divided two or three ways. A paint sprayer (you can rent one) can also cut application time. So can exterior rollers. Or you can paint one or two sides in the spring, the rest in the fall and thus spread out the work. But do each side completely. It is not advisable to put on a primer coat one season and a finish coat the next. If over two months elapse between coats, repriming is usually necessary.

There are other cases in which you should not attempt a house yourself — at least not all of it. If paint has failed in the past, and surfaces are blistered, sealing, or in need of major corrective measures and paint removal, you may be wise to call for help. Water may be getting in behind the paint from roof, window, or door-frame leaks, from deteriorated plumbing, or lack of proper vapor barriers. Unless the source of water is first eliminated, any painting you do is doomed to failure.

Is the job particularly dangerous or difficult? Are walls high, terrain uneven, roofs steep? It doesn't make sense to risk life or limb. Yet it doesn't mean you can't enjoy some of the savings of painting your own house. Arrange to have only the difficult parts painted professionally. Do the rest yourself.

Equipment you'll need. Your list of painting essentials will include ladders,

planks, dropcloths, scraper, putty knife, wire brush, caulking, masking tape, paint buckets, brushes, brush cleaner, and hand cleaner. You undoubtedly have many of these items right now. Even if you have to buy all of them, exclusive of ladders, the bill won't come to more than \$20.

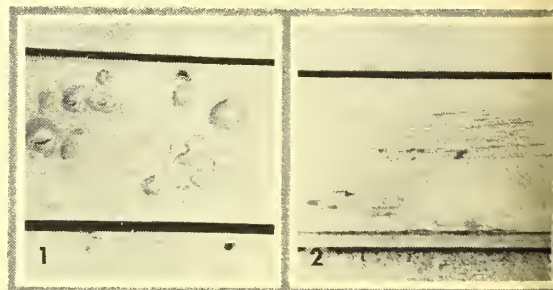
If you need an extra ladder, you don't have to buy it. If you can't borrow one from a friend or neighbor, try a rental agency. They will be listed in the classified section of your phone directory. A 20-foot extension ladder usually rents for \$2 a day, \$8 a week. If you do want to buy, you can get a wood extension ladder for as little as \$25, a lightweight magnesium one for about \$40. Jacks to support a plank between ladders sell for \$12 a pair.

You'll need at least three brushes. Get a 4-inch brush (\$5) for the body of the house, a 2½-inch brush (\$2.50) for trim, and a 1½-inch angular brush (\$1.50) for sash. If your wife and/or young son helps with the painting, get them 3-inch brushes (\$4).

A 9x12-foot heavy fabric dropcloth is \$6, but polyethylene plastic ones will serve your purposes just as well and cost only 69¢. When dry, most kinds of paint shake right off poly. For tying back bushes and shrubbery away from the house walls, you can use an old badminton net. You'll need a putty knife



Pick the proper paint and you are not likely to need much

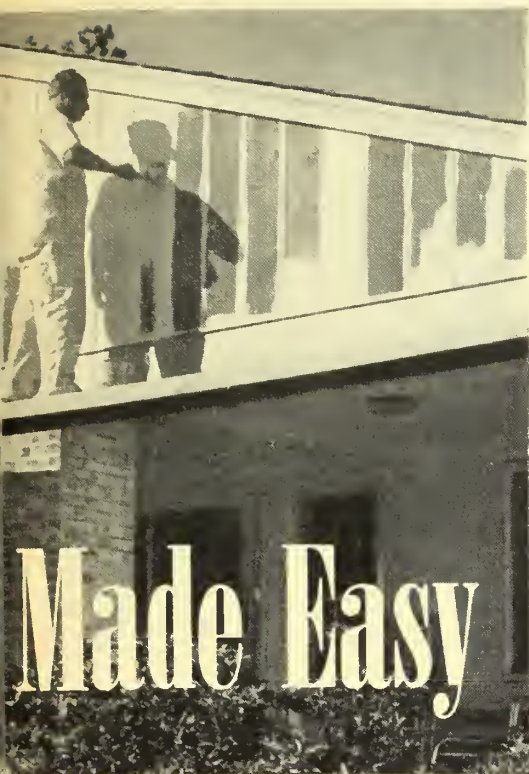


Things that cause painting to go bad. 1. Blistering caused when moisture is trapped behind paint. 2. Paint used too thickly causes "alligator-

(89¢), a hook scraper (65¢), a wire brush (85¢), and if you have an electric drill you may want a paint-mixing attachment (69¢).

For sealing cracks around window and door frames, you can get a frame-type caulk gun (\$1.25) which uses disposable cartridges (50¢ each), or you can use rope-type caulking (60 feet—\$1) which presses in place with the fingers. Paper paint buckets simplify stirring and mixing. Six 2½-quart ones are \$1. Sixty yards of 1-inch masking tape cost \$1.25.

The nasty job of cleaning brushes has been eliminated. Brushes used with water-thinned paints, of course, are rinsable at the hosecock. But did you



talent or training to do a good job.



ing." 3. Poor adhesion may be the result of moisture or the wrong kind of paint. 4. In every case, loose paint should be removed before surface is repainted.

know that even oil paint can be washed away with water after one of the new cleaners is worked into the bristles? Dip your brush into yet another new product (Stat) and the brush will never get hard no matter how long you put it aside. You don't have to handle rollers to clean them. You just put them into a special roller-cleaner can (98e) and shake.

Get a jar of special new protective cream (Pro-Tek) and rub it on your hands, particularly around fingernails, and you won't be annoyed by clinging paint. Paint won't stick to it. If you do get paint on yourself, you can put it to rout with a new waterless hand cleaner

that comes in an aerosol can. Browse around at your paint store and you'll find countless other helps like these.

Which kind of paint? You can use either an oil- or a water-based paint, but get a good paint, whatever the type. Avoid unknown brands offered in "warehouse sales," and shun deals that "give a can free" with every can you buy. Be suspicious of extravagant guarantees on which you obviously could never collect. Cheap paints are no bargain. The difference between the best paint and an



To keep out moisture and to block air leaks, caulk joints where walls meet and around window and door frames.



A paint sprayer is at least four times faster than a brush. The proper spray distance is a hand-spread away.

inferior one is seldom more than \$2 a gallon, and that sum is negligible, ranked alongside the time you'll invest in applying it.

No paint job can be any better than its prime coat. If the primer fails, the finishing coat will go with it. Unless directions specifically recommend it, never use a finishing paint as a primer. It may contain zinc, which is sensitive to moisture and is likely to blister. On the other hand, zinc in your finishing coat is insurance against mildew. In all cases, it is a wise precaution to use the same brand of primer and final coat. Two different brands might react chemically against each other.

Once you have established a good painting base, stick with your kind of paint. Don't switch to a new type of paint unless the old one has proved unsatisfactory. Even then, wait at least four years before making the switch. Again, you avoid the risk of incompatibility.

The best white house paints today are made with titanium dioxide as a principal pigment, rather than lead. Titanium is whiter than lead, has seven times its hiding power. Further, it won't discolor from smog or industrial fumes. Titanium is often combined with lead and/or zinc. Some of these paints "clean themselves" by chalking and should not be used where such weathering will stain brick or colored siding. Nor should paints that chalk freely be tinted. They will fade.

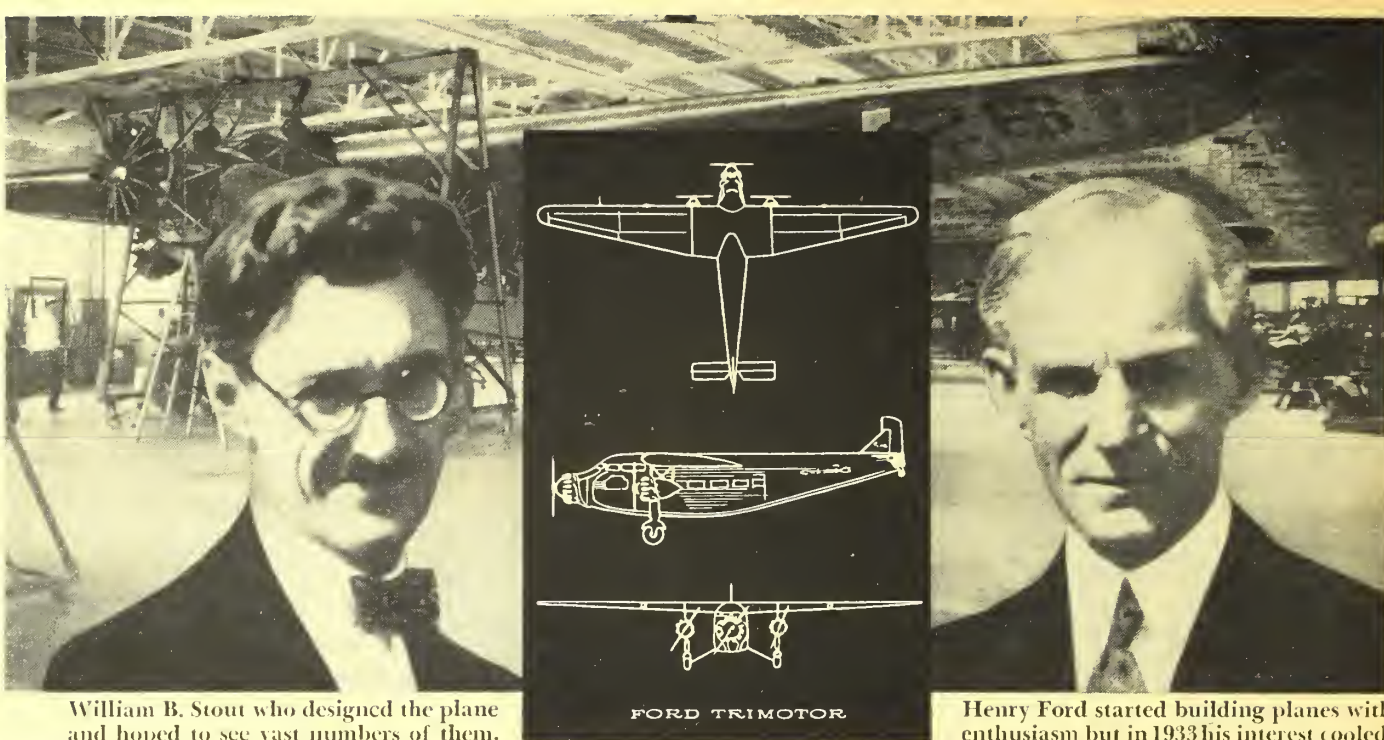
Newer oil paints made with alkyd resin have exceptional durability and are used both as a white or tinted house paint. Because they are non-chalking, they are popularly used as a low-gloss trim and shutter paint. They are also a superior stucco, shake and shingle paint, and are recommended for brick and asbestos siding.

The new water-thinned latex paints for exterior use usually contain either acrylic plastic or PVA (polyvinyl acetate) plastic. In effect, they coat your house with a tough plastic film. They are sometimes mistakenly called "rubber-based," but they contain no rubber.

Latex paint can be used on wood, masonry or metal. It dries bug-free and dust-free in less
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Spraying is especially efficient for rough or complicated surfaces such as this tongue-and-groove flooring.



William B. Stout who designed the plane and hoped to see vast numbers of them.

FORD TRIMOTOR

Henry Ford started building planes with enthusiasm but in 1933 his interest cooled.

Mr. Ford's Tin Goose

They don't make planes nowadays like the fabulous tri-motor that Ford built.

By W. E. DAVIS

EVERY DAY A SCHOOL bus leaves Port Clinton, Ohio, and picks up six children on their way to school at Put-in-Bay. At the end of the day it returns them to their homes.

However, the operation is unusual for two reasons. The children live on three islands in Lake Erie, their school is on still another island, and the "bus" is an old Ford tri-motor plane. Leaving Port Clinton the flying bus goes to Rattlesnake Island, then to North Bass Island, then to Middle Bass, and finally to the school at Put-in-Bay, which is also an island. Rarely is the "bus" late and almost never does a flight have to be canceled because of bad weather.

This same plane performs other chores. Time and again it has served as a flying ambulance, hauling sick island residents to mainland hospitals. Little wonder that this rugged tri-motored Ford plane, dubbed the "Tin Goose," has not only carved a niche for itself in history but has also earned a lot of affection for its good deeds.

By modern-day standards, the ancient tri-motors should have been dead, buried

and forgotten years ago. They were the rage of aviation during the Roaring Twenties, when flappers sneaked off for a nip of bathtub gin. The tri-motor came to life before, and flexed its sturdy wings during, the Great Depression, yet lived to tell an aviation story in spite of it.

Every tri-motor built—and there were exactly 199 in all—can claim a share of the title of aviation's granddaddy. Ford's corrugated steel giant was the first all-metal passenger plane. It contributed to American history, carrying Adm. Richard E. Byrd on the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

It lugged thousands of bags of mail and freight between American cities, with not one accident. And it performed like a never-tiring workhorse, year in and year out, in the desolate jungle areas of Central and South America, in Russia and China and Japan, flying lifesaving cargo into postage-stamp landing areas where even smaller planes feared to go.

The man given singular credit for developing and overseeing Ford's aviation pioneering was the late William B. Stout. Oddly enough, up until the time he died, he had hoped the day was not too far distant when a new breed of tri-motor would roll off a California assembly line,

nearly 30 years after tri-motor production had shut down! But when he died five years ago at 76, so did any hope for reactivating the famed plane.

Stout had already made his mark as a design engineer before being bitten by the aviation bug. Among his design credits were theater seats which pushed back when the patron stood up, and the world's first high-speed Pullman car.

In 1923, he got the idea that a metal airplane would be cheaper, safer and more durable, plus better able to handle a large load of cargo.

Stout's hopes and dreams, of course, could never become real without money. He developed a plan to get to the men who might be interested in helping such a revolutionary idea develop.

A letter was sent to 100 Detroit businessmen, asking each of them for \$1,000. One contingency was that they promise to bid the money goodbye forever. In exchange, they were to receive a series of weekly newsletters explaining the fundamentals of aviation, plus a report of Stout's activities.

Stout received 65 replies immediately, and they eventually grew to 128. The Stout Metal Aircraft Co., Dearborn, Mich., found itself off and running, and



PHOTOS BY DWIGHT BOYER

One of the 11 remaining tri-motors serves as a school bus for Lake Erie islanders.

The same bus hauls bread for the islanders, and it has served as an ambulance. →



it was quickly able to square its debts.

The company's first product was a single-engine plane of all-metal construction. It attracted plenty of attention from all sides, with two more than casually interested spectators being motor genius Henry Ford and his son, Edsel.

The business so intrigued Ford that he bought out the Stout interests in 1925. He immediately built a factory and airfield, hiring Stout as vice president and general manager of the "Stout Metal Airplane Division of the Ford Motor Company."

A newspaper of that time echoed both Ford's and Stout's sentiments. It said, "This business venture will accelerate airplane development by backing the design with the diversified resources and experience of Ford Motor Company."

The newspaper's prophecy was to be true several years later!

Ford, in his typical "get it done fast" fashion, immediately set up a Dearborn-to-Chicago freight airline. Ford's efficiency took this plan from the idea stage to the first scheduled flight in exactly one week's time!

With the big auto company showing the way, Stout and his associates developed the first Ford tri-motor in 1926. Many said Stout's design closely resembled the German Fokker, also a three-engine airplane. But rather than being fabric-covered like the German ship, the American tri-motor was all metal.

The first tri-motor differed from its later brethren in several important respects. Pilots in World War I liked the idea of an open cockpit. With the wind blowing in his face, the pilot could tell whether the ship was slipping or "mushing" in flight. So the tri-motor bowed to the pilot by having an open cockpit, now relocated near the plane's nose rather

than toward the rear as in planes of that time.

The pilots also feared the fast landing speed of the tri-motor — an incredible 60 miles per hour — so Stout slowed down the landing by mounting the engines downward from the wing, giving the necessary "drag."

Stout, however, won a personal victory in gaining a closed cockpit after several test pilots nearly froze to death in winter flights. The tri-motor thus became the first transport plane which combined enclosed cabin, brakes, heater, cantilever wings and doughnut tires.

Stout didn't gain the heater without a stern battle, however. One economy-minded Ford official decided a heater meant too much extra cost and ruled this accessory out. To prove his point, Stout got the man into a heaterless tri-motor, lifted the plane to 10,000 feet, where Stout donned a sheepskin jacket and waited. A few minutes later, the official, with teeth chattering behind blue lips, decided it was necessary to include the heater in every tri-motor produced.

In 1926 alone, 1,000 flights, each carrying 1,000 to 1,500 pounds of airmail and Ford cargo, shuttled between Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland. That year, the sturdy tri-motors logged over 200,000

miles, and not a single accident marred the record — that year or any other.

Ford was determined to make aviation a going industry. The company turned out factory-trained mechanics, set standards for airport design, built concrete runways, experimented in radio and navigational aids, produced dirigible mooring facilities, and aided aviation wherever it could.

The company poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into newspaper and magazine ads to keep people abreast of flying's progress. One newspaper editorial credited the company with "doing more to popularize flying among the public than all of the stunts that have been stunted, at the risk of life and limb . . ."

A \$500,000 plant fire in 1926 failed to slow down tri-motor production for long. Within four months planes were again rolling. By the end of 1927, 14 were built. Two years later, 146 had rolled off the assembly line.

The tri-motors were soon in tremendous demand. Major American airlines, including United, Pan American and Eastern, found the 12 seats just right for passengers, and the big cargo area the answer to their freight needs. Foreign countries joined the enthusiastic response.

The giant planes were adaptable for many purposes. For approximately \$50,000, (the Ford roadster sold for \$435 at this same time) the buyer got an airplane



Admiral Richard E. Byrd and Edsel Ford. The admiral used a tri-motor in the Antarctic.

that had a cruising speed of 112 miles per hour, with a maximum of 135. If one engine conked out, the trusty Tin Goose limped along at a steady and reliable 112 m.p.h. Cruising range of the ship, which had a length of 50 feet and a wing span

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What to do with your

THIS MONTH our art editor again makes a few points about veterans' government life insurance by using cartoons.

In two cartoons, you see a mummy-like figure. He is wrapped in bandages. They symbolize that he is totally disabled.

In the first cartoon, while others are paying premiums on their vets' life insurance, Mr. Bandages is not—but his insurance remains in force.

This cartoon is a reminder to you that there are some situations in which, if you should become totally disabled, you could *stop paying premiums* on your gov't life insurance while it would stay in force. We'll tell you what they are.

In the second cartoon, Mr. Bandages is enjoying the pleasure of counting some money that has come into his possession—a very nice thing to have happen if you are totally disabled.

That cartoon is a reminder to you that there are some situations in which you might actually *receive a monthly income* from your GI life insurance if you should become totally disabled. We'll tell you what they are.

The third cartoon, featuring Mr. Guess Who, is on a different subject. It is a reminder to you that *whenever* you write to the Veterans Administration (VA) about your insurance—to pay a premium, to make a claim, to ask for information or for any other reason—please, please, please sign your name **AND** print your name and address **AND** clearly print your insurance policy number. Of course *you* always do, and it is those other fellows whom we are reminding. VA has millions of vets to deal with, including a lot of them with the same name as yours. If it has to play guessing games to read your name at all from hentracks, or to discover *which* clearly printed Gregory I. Josof *you* are, the proper handling of your own policy is jeopardized. Enough on this old subject until next time.

We didn't have room for more cartoons, but there are a lot of other things about your GI insurance that you should know that we'll call attention to here.

Here, then, is the poop about not paying premiums when you are totally disabled:

First, if your policy is anything but a K (in other words, if your policy number starts with a V or an H or an RS or an RH or a W) then there is a "disability waiver of premium" built right into it.

So if you become totally disabled for six months, you apply to the VA for a "waiver of premium."

If the VA agrees that your disability has been total for at least six months, you get those six months premiums back and pay no more premiums as long as the disability remains total—even if for life—yet the insurance stays in force exactly as if you were paying the premiums.

(Note: This article assumes you read Part I last month, and does not repeat certain things explained then. However, we will repeat one thing: When a veterans' policy is called a K or a V or an H or an RS or an RH or a W, it refers to your policy if your policy number begins with such a letter or letters).

By **ROBERT B. PITKIN**

PART TWO



This only applies to total disabilities that *begin* before age 60.

The "waiver" does *not* take effect automatically. You must apply to have payment suspended, and keep paying premiums until the VA gives you the OK on the "waiver."

It is important that you know this *now*. If you were disabled for several years before you found it out, you could not, normally, get back more than one year's unnecessary premiums that you had paid before you made a delayed application for "waiver."

Second, if your policy is a K (which has no "disability waiver of premium") you might *still* be the Mr. Bandages enjoying non-payment of premium in the first cartoon.

K policies (and no others) can "mature" for total and permanent disability—at any age.

In this case, if you think you are totally and permanently disabled, you apply to the VA to have your K policy "mature."

If the VA agrees about the extent and permanence of your disability, then you stop paying premiums for life (unless you get well and it turns out that it was a mistake that your disability really was *permanent*). When your K policy matures in this fashion, one of the choices you have is to let it sit there at no further cost to you, as a death claim for your beneficiary.

Now, how about getting an income from your policy when totally disabled?

First, if you are a K, you have *another* choice in ease your policy "matures" for permanent and total disability. You can elect to get so many dollars a month from the policy for yourself while living. If you take this choice, the monthly payments to you *will* slowly reduce the value of the policy as a death claim.

Second, there is a way to get a monthly income from your GI policy whenever you are totally disabled (and not necessarily *permanently*) without reducing the value of the policy

VETERANS INSURANCE ?

You may be surprised at all the angles of your GI policy

as a death claim. You can do this with any policy except an RH (in other words with a K or a V or an H or an RS or a W). What you do is buy an extra provision, for a small extra premium, called a "total disability income provision," or TDIP for short in Veterans Administration lingo.

Then, if you become totally disabled for at least six months (four months with K), the VA pays you an income from then on as long as the disability remains total. To take out a TDIP you must meet present good health standards, and you can only take it out—or keep carrying it—up to a certain age. But if it is already paying you for a total disability when you reach that age, payments keep right on as long as the total disability does.

On K policies, you can buy TDIP to pay you \$5.75 a month for each \$1,000 of K insurance that you carry (maximum, \$57.50 a month on a \$10,000 policy). You can't carry TDIP on K policies past age 65.

On V or H or RS or W policies you can buy TDIP to pay you \$10 a month for each \$1,000 of such insurance (Maximum, \$100 a month on a \$10,000 policy). You can't carry TDIP on these policies past age 60.

Though you can't buy any additional vets' life insurance now (except RH as described last month) you can buy TDIP on your present gov't insurance now, if you meet age and health requirements.

What does this disability income provision cost?

The tables are too complicated to print, but you can write the VA office where you pay your premiums and ask what it would cost you on your policy at your age (remembering not to be a Mr. Guess Who) and get a simple answer.

What is "total disability"?

The VA says: "... any impairment of mind or body which continuously renders it impossible . . . to follow any substantially gainful occupation."

In addition, certain specific disabilities are "total" even if you can make a living while suffering from them. They are the familiar combinations of permanent losses of use of hands, feet, eyes, speech and/or hearing.

Older veterans are reminded that while age all alone is not recognized as totally disabling, it can contribute to the seriousness of a disability that wouldn't be "total" at a younger age, and perhaps earn it recognition as total.

Suppose you are along in years, and aren't apt to work any more because of a combination of age and disability.

It would be better to apply, say, for maturity of a K policy and let the VA say yes or no than to disqualify yourself (and not even apply) because disability all by itself is not the whole story of your inability to work regularly any more. This is a hazy area and the answer will be yes in some cases and no in others, according to the weight of the factors in each case.

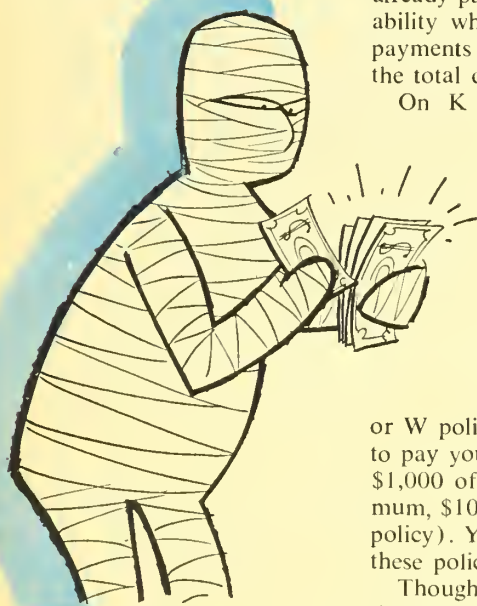
One thing you should have, if you are going to file this article with your vets' policy (and you should) is a run-down in brief form of many of the important wrinkles of veterans' insurance that you may not know about, so that you could look into them in more detail if they should become important to you. Here's a quick look at some such wrinkles:

Premiums: May be paid monthly, four times a year, twice a year or once a year. You can arrange to change the method at any time. Slight saving to you for choosing less-frequent method of payment.

Dividends: Paid on K and V policies only. Several choices of what to do with them, such as (1) Take them in cash; or (2) Leave them at interest just as in a savings bank (can't do this with term policies); or (3) Credit them entirely to payment of premiums in advance (you get a discount on premiums paid ahead of time this way, and if you die, beneficiary gets refund of premiums that would have insured you after your death); or (4) Leave them at interest to be applied to any current premiums that might become past due by you forgetting to pay on time.

Switching from one permanent plan to another: Can be done at any time (in units of \$500 or more, but not less than \$1,000), if switch is to a higher premium plan, unless you're totally disabled. You must put up a lump of cash to bring the current policy reserve up to the re-

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WASHINGTON PRO & CON

PRESENTING BOTH SIDES OF BIG ISSUES FACING THE NATION

THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT:

Should the United States Halt Its Foreign Aid?



(PRO) I believe it is time we faced the fact that our foreign aid program, as a whole, has not been successful. It has alienated a host of friends, and has actually made many enemies for us. As a weapon to fight communism, it has been very disappointing, principally because comparatively few people among the masses have been directly benefitted.

Many people who have received our aid are saying that we were generous, but selfish, and that we have saddled upon their economy huge maintenance costs to support armies. In other words, they contend that our aid was made available so as to obtain their support in case of war.

The original goals of productivity and economic stability envisioned for our friends when the foreign aid program was first proposed have long since been reached and far surpassed, yet we are still being asked for assistance in even greater measure and over larger areas of the world.

There is much evidence to show that some of the nations receiving large amounts of foreign aid have been the quickest to take a neutral position in the cold war. The more aid they obtain, the more "neutral" they become. Some try to collect from both sides.

The basic concept of the program was to extend assistance to those willing to help themselves. We hoped to restore self-respect among our friends, and to create a partnership whose purpose would be to protect and preserve freedom. A mere glance at today's headlines will demonstrate that this was a vain hope.

I believe much of the blame for this failure can be attributed to faulty administration. Time after time, in my investigations of our foreign aid program, I have called attention to the harebrained schemes of some of our bureaucrats who control this program. But my voice has been unheard. The program continues virtually unchanged.

Let us be realistic. Economic advancement of underdeveloped countries can be achieved only through the generation of capital. Easy loans and direct gifts are no substitute for investment and productivity.

The self-defeating pipedream of foreign aid must give way to the fundamental measures of sound economic development, before America goes broke and communism takes over.

Allen J. Ellender

Allen J. Ellender (D)
U. S. Senator from Louisiana



(CON) Our economic and military aid programs are an essential means of promoting the security of the United States and others in the noncommunist world. Our aid programs serve to alleviate poverty and to encourage the development of orderly and stable societies.

Communism is sworn to destroy and to supplant our free institutions. With a general war becoming increasingly unthinkable, both power blocs are seeking to add to their political and economic resources. This has led to a great competition, with much of the struggle centered in vast territories whose peoples are not oriented to either of the great competitors. These societies are a third force in the world. They control the bulk of the world's strategic minerals, as well as other resources that modern nations require.

Our adversary is obviously determined to draw them ultimately into communism's orbit. Our aim is to help them progress in a manner that is consonant with their own best interests.

The chief instrument of our policy is the foreign aid program. Our competitor has employed other instruments, including terror, subversion and naked force. But more recently, communism's leaders have adopted our own method of providing economic and technical assistance to the less developed countries. With less than half of our gross national product, the Soviet Union is matching or exceeding our own efforts in many areas of the world.

It seems to me that it is no longer a question whether foreign aid is the better part of wisdom, but the kinds of aid that are most useful. Emphasis in our foreign aid should be on self-help programs. Development loans and technical assistance are in the long run more productive than gifts. Aid programs, to achieve maximum effect, should be on a long-term authority. This concept has received bipartisan support at the highest levels of our government, and my hope is that Congress will endorse the principle of long-term funding in this session.

Our responsibility in the difficult days ahead is to survive and to prevail. The great expressions of this national responsibility are our military defense establishment and our foreign aid program. Both must be given the support and flexibility that will enable them to protect in full the national interest.

Frank Carlson

Frank Carlson (R)
U. S. Senator from Kansas



A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

CHILDREN MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PENSION WHEN WIDOWED MOTHER ISN'T:

Many widows of WW1, WW2 or Korea veterans who do not consider themselves eligible for a VA pension (and are not), either because their income is too high or because they have remarried, may be unaware that their children under 18 (or under 21 if at school) may be pension-eligible . . . When a widow is eligible for a pension, the children never are . . . But where the widow loses eligibility by re-marriage, or exceeding the fairly low income limit, the children may be eligible in their own right . . . Children of veterans who have lost both parents may also be eligible for pensions in their own right . . . See your Legion service officer.

JOB CONFLICTS WITH RESERVE DUTY NOW CONTROLLED MORE TIGHTLY BY LAW:

It is now against Federal law for a private employer to require an employee to make his annual vacation coincide with tours of reserve military duty for training . . . An employee is entitled to leave of absence for such training, quite apart from his vacation, and must be re-employed on his return in the same status he would have had if he had not been absent on military training duty . . . Employers are forbidden by Federal law from refusing a leave of absence requested by an employee for such military training . . . But an employee who wishes his job status protected by law when he leaves for reserve military training cannot just announce that he's going . . . His job status is only protected if he requests the leave of absence from his employer (who cannot legally refuse it).

The employee is not protected in his job status unless he reports back to work promptly at the end of his reserve training . . . He no longer has 30 days after reserve training duty in which his re-employment status is guaranteed by law.

These provisions are included in amendments to the Universal Military

Training and Service Act . . . They became effective last Sept. 10 . . . They cover job absences caused by active duty training (three to six months initial training) and inactive duty training (weekly drill periods, and summer encampments or cruises usually of two weeks).

MARRIAGE NO BAR TO EDUCATION UNDER JUNIOR GI BILL:

The "Junior GI Bill of Rights" (or War Orphans Education Act) provides Federal GI Bill type educational help to youngsters who lost a parent as a result of war service . . . Some eligibles, particularly girls, have the mistaken impression that their eligibility would end if they should marry . . . Not so.

VA PHASING OUT SPECIAL HOSPITALS IN MEDICAL REVOLUTION:

The idea of special hospitals for special illnesses will be a thing of the past before too long if Veterans Administration leadership means anything -- and it often does . . . VA is on a 12-year plan of overhaul of its hospital plant and hospital organization . . . Elimination of mental hospitals and TB hospitals is part of its long-range plan for the future . . . It visualizes competent care for both mental and TB patients in general hospitals of the future . . . VA has already converted nine of its TB hospitals to general medical use, while enlarging the ability of its general hospitals to care for TB patients . . . Psychiatric units as parts of ordinary hospitals are also now being employed by the VA with a view to the future elimination of special mental hospitals as such.

SUPPORTERS OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION SAVE TAXPAYERS MILLION:

Anyone who thinks the Veterans Administration is a burden imposed on the taxpayers by "larceny-minded veterans" are invited to know that the people who know the work of the VA make enormous free contributions to it, thus bearing more

than their share of the cost and easing the cost to others . . . The Veterans Administration now lists a total of 100,000 volunteer hospital workers alone (of whom we are proud to say many are members of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary). . . . They give 6,500,000 free man-hours of service a year to the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS). . . . Some day we'd like to have the VA add up, if it can, the total donations of equipment that civic supporters, such as veterans organizations, give to it at cost of themselves but not to other self-styled "groaning taxpayers." . . . New Jersey Legionnaires in one single act a few years ago gave a \$120,000 structure to Uncle Sam's Lyons (N.J.) VA hospital. . . . Most of the groaning comes from those who carry the lightest part of the load. . . .

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE FROM YPRES TO VJ DAY IN NEW WW2 ARMY HISTORY:

On the 22nd of April, 1915, Germany's WW1 Army drove Allied troops (the U.S. was not yet a belligerent) out of the trenches near Ypres, Belgium, with a cloud of chlorine gas. . . . Typical of the use of a new weapon, the Germans failed to follow up their advantage (as the British failed to exploit the surprise element of their first use of armored tanks in the same war). . . . The Ypres gas-cloud marked the beginning of the modern history of chemical warfare. . . . The event compelled all major military powers to develop their own chemical warfare and their own defenses against it . . . Both sides--including the U.S. when it entered WW1--used noxious gases and their defenses for the duration of that war, to no significant over-all strategic effect.

To this use of non-missile scientific phenomena as weapons of battle was subsequently added the as-yet-unused biological warfare--most commonly thought of as germ war . . . Actually, biological warfare embraces more than germs . . . Its theory also embraces such things as crop-destruction and water-poisoning.

Poison gases were not used in WW2 -- by an international consent that was honored . . . But many other chemical phenomena were -- such as flame-throwers, highly developed smokeclouds for camouflage, and napalm firebombs (as well as fire balloons floated on lofty air currents

from Japan to the U.S. Pacific coast).

Nevertheless, every major power, including the U.S., continued to develop every phase of chemical and biological warfare during WW2, against a possible decision to use them or a need to defend against the foe's use of them.

The history of chemical and biological warfare in general, and a detailed account of U.S. Army development of them during WW2, makes valuable reading . . . it is found in one of the latest additions to the U.S. Army's enormous and still growing library of WW2 histories . . . Title: "The Chemical Warfare Service; From Laboratory to Field." . . . Volume is in the sub-series called "The Technical Services" of the all-emcompassing project labeled "U.S. Army in World War II." . . . 498 pages including index . . . Volume dated 1959, but review copy received early in 1961 . . . Authors: Leo P. Brophy; Wyndham D. Miles and Rexmond C. Cochrane . . . On sale by Sup't of Documents, U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. . . . List price: \$3.50.

CRUCIAL WW2 DECISIONS AND HOW MADE, IN ARMY BOOK:

The Army has put out another WW2 book, that deserves a longer review . . . It is not formally a part of the WW2 histories, but it selects major decisions of WW2 as subjects for study of command decisions, how and why they are made, and with what fears and uncertainties and human frailties . . . All told, 23 major WW2 decisions, some of ours, some of the enemy's, some military, some political and some civilian are examined in enlightening detail . . . Samples: The Germans at the Bulge; Gen. Lucas at Anzio; dropping the atom bomb; removing Japanese from the West Coast; stopping at the Elbe; withdrawal to Bataan; the Arnhem airdrop; German invasion of Norway, Denmark; MacArthur at Los Negros; Luzon chosen over Formosa; Gen. Marshall's decision to fight WW2 with no more than 90 Army divisions; Hitler's defense of Italy; U.S. shipping to Britain in midwar; Normandy vs. the Mediterranean; occupation of Iceland . . . and others.

Title: "Command Decision." . . . Author: a large staff, headed by editor Kent Roberts Greenfield. . . . 565 pages plus maps. . . . Sup't of Documents, U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. . . . No price quoted with review copy.

MAY 1961

Legion Commander Inspects U.S. & NATO Commands Abroad

On March 6, National American Legion Commander William R. Burke embarked on a 23 day European trip at the invitation of American Legion Departments and Posts in the Old World.

The Commander's jammed agenda started with an appointment with Pres. Charles de Gaulle of France on March 6. On the 7th and 8th, he visited the Paris Hq of NATO; consulted with Gen. J. E. Moore, Chief of Staff of SHAPE; with Lt. Gen. Edward Underhill and staff, of the U.S. European Command, and visited with Paris Legionnaires at Pershing Hall, on the Rue Pierre Charon.

Commander Burke wired back that the hottest current internal question of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is the proposal to make NATO a nuclear power.

At present, the 15-member nations' forces have the stuff to deliver a nuclear attack but only the United States can release the weapons, and thus make a decision that they might be used.

The appeal of the proposal to make NATO a nuclear power unto itself seems largely political, the Commander reported, while the consequences would be vastly more complex than the simple slogan of complaint in Europe that there is "One finger on the trigger (U.S.) and fourteen on the safety latch (the other NATO powers)."

From March 9 to 13 Commander Burke visited destinations in Germany. At Weisbaden on March 9, he was briefed by top U.S. Air Force officials in Europe—Maj. Gen. Ed. J. Timberlake and Gen. Frederick H. Smith. On the 10th, U.S. Army Commander Gen. Bruce Clarke and staff were his hosts at U.S. Army Europe Hq in Heidelberg.

Burke toured East and West Berlin on March 11, and on the 12th numerous U.S. and German military and civil officials received him. They included U.S. Berlin Commander Maj. Gen. Ralph Osborne and staff; Brig. Gen. Charles Johnson; Edward Doherty, Chief of Economic Affairs, and Franz Amrehn, Deputy Mayor of Berlin, acting in the absence of West Berlin Mayor Willie Brandt.

"Nothing that has been accomplished

since the Berlin Airlift," Burke wired, "has buoyed up the spirits of West Berliners more than President Kennedy's statement that we will defend Berlin. On every hand I found people of West Germany comforted by the firm statement of the Chief Executive of the United States..."

During his military inspection tours, the Commander reported that he had seen "the best looking, alert and fit American troops I have ever encountered. Their officers are competent and fully cognizant of the great responsibilities they must meet daily."

Commander Burke wired a description of the refugee camp on the outskirts of West Berlin, where over 300 Germans arrive daily "in flight from the hard life in Communist-held East Germany." The camp is "most complete, even to a typical German kindergarten, where children are schooled as their parents await rehabilitation."

"These people use every subterfuge known to break away from communism," Burke reported. "They arrive singly, in

couples, but more often than not... entire families make the journey."

The defection of these Germans "from one part of their own nation to another presents a most complicated situation," Burke reported. "While the West Berliners are most sympathetic to their fellow Germans from East Berlin, they do not indulge in any organized campaign to increase the numbers daily escaping, as they feel that if too many defect there will not remain behind the iron curtain enough hard core resisters to make an eventual upset of the Soviet attempt to control Berlin."

German youths in both free and captive Germany are subject to military and police conscription, Burke reported. In spite of this similar duty on either side of the iron curtain, "a large bulk of the current refugees are youths, both male and female," the Commander wired. "Apparently they prefer to take their chances in West Berlin military organizations, or even the police, instead of the East Berlin 'Vopos' and the Soviet-guided 'People's Army.'"

West Germans, he said, take the full load of manning the reception centers, to keep an eye out for Soviet agents masquerading as refugees, and to prevent anything that might "appear as an incident." (Continued on next page)



TOP U.S. Naval chief in Europe bids Legion Commander farewell. Navy released this photo of Nat'l Cmdr Burke at close of briefing in London, with Admiral H. P. Smith.

Commander Burke went to London on the 14th. On the 15th he was the guest of Admiral H. P. Smith and staff at U.S. Naval Hq for Europe.

Burke told the London U.S. European Naval Command that he was finding a "spirit of solidarity and determination existing between the U.S. and all the allies in Europe."

The Commander wired that he had discussed with people in the streets of London the demonstrations last month against the U.S. Polaris submarine base in Scotland. Londoners characterized the demonstrators to Burke as members of little organized groups, incited by communist agitators, with whom the people of Britain were out of sympathy.

The evening of the 15th Burke flew to Ireland, where he met with members of The American Legion in Dublin. On St. Patrick's Day, he attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin.

On the 18th Commander Burke flew to Tel Aviv, in Israel. He toured the Israeli veterans' rehabilitation center at Naharia and visited agricultural settlements, on the 19th—and had dinner with Israeli veterans groups.

On the 20th he was the guest of the Israeli military on a tour of Israel army bases.

On the 21st he visited with Legionnaires in Athens, Greece, then was a guest aboard the U.S.S. Roosevelt to observe 6th Fleet operations at sea in the Mediterranean.

On the 22nd he visited the southern European NATO Command in Naples, Italy, of Admiral C. R. Brown, chief of that command.

On the 25th, the Commander and his party had an audience with Pope John

XXIII at the Pontiff's Vatican quarters.

Burke was in Rome when President Kennedy announced his determination to prevent Laos from becoming a com-



ISRAEL visit. l. to r., M. Bar Rav Ray, of Israel vet's ass'n; A. P. Chamie (Legion); Prime Minister Ben-Gurion; Cmdr Burke; M. B. McKneally (Legion); Mrs. Ben-Gurion; Wm. Hauck (Legion); G. Saguy, of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

munist satellite. He wired the immediate support of The American Legion for the President's stand.

He departed Rome on the 27th to visit U.S. Army and Air Force commands in Spain, and on the 29th departed Madrid for New York.

Accompanying the Commander were immediate Past National Commander Martin B. McKneally of N.Y., Alfred P. Chamie, former California National Legion Executive Committeeman, and William F. Hauck, Director of the Legion's Washington office.

On his return, Cmdr. Burke reported his observations to Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

NAT'L LEGION POLICY:

Spring Exec Meet Due

The regular spring meeting of the Legion's Nat'l Executive Committee is scheduled to take place at Nat'l Hq in Indianapolis, May 3 and 4.

Members of the current Exec Committee (one elected from each Legion Department) are shown on the facing page. The Executive Committee normally meets four times a year—twice, briefly, at the Nat'l Convention—and at length twice—in late fall and early May.

The committee is second only to a Nat'l Convention in its nat'l policy-making power. The spring meeting frequently considers resolutions postponed for more study at Nat'l Convention time, and passes on numerous matters of the conduct of Nat'l Legion business not authorized to proceed without Executive Committee approval. Among these: the ratification of business contracts, the determination of nat'l Convention sites, cancellation of post charters, the approval of special study groups.

THE LEGION AT WORK:

A Quiet Job

With Poppy Day coming up, it's a good time to put on the record that side of the annual poppy sales that is unknown to the man in the street.

As good an example as any is the county-wide application of poppy funds by all the American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units in Bergen County, N. J. (pop. ¾ million).

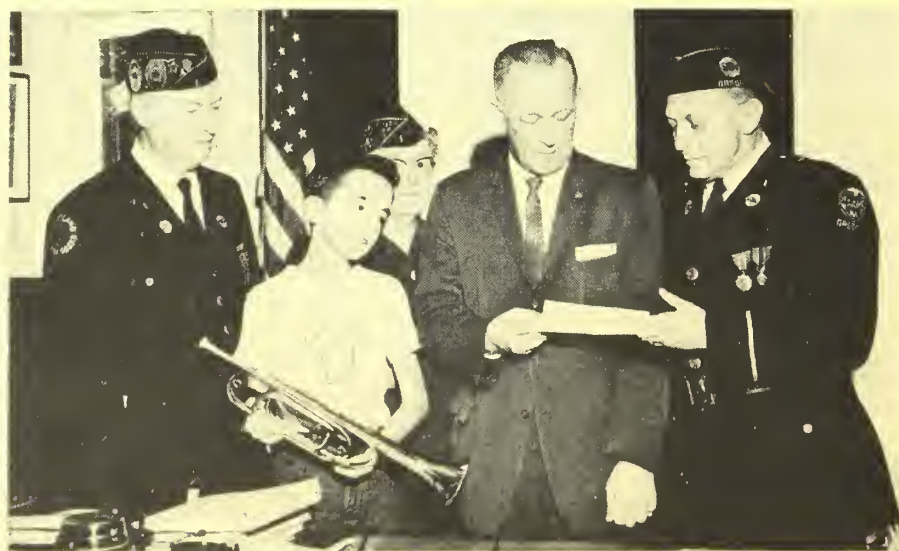
Once a month, every month since late in 1924, a committee of responsible Legion and Auxiliary members have met as a body, under the incorporated name of Central Relief Committee of Bergen County, N. J., to authorize expenditure of Legion funds based on poppy sales.

All expenditures must involve emergency (not permanent) relief of hardships arising in the families of veterans. This month, as every month, Central Relief will meet again.

Since 1924, almost an even 900 cases have been handled by the committee. In every case the family emergency was such that Legion aid was sought before official or other established welfare agencies could grind out a more permanent solution—or the case was of a nature beyond what established agencies normally handle.

In total, more than \$72,000 have been spent by Bergen's Legionnaires and Auxiliaries since 1924.

Most expensive case on record was the sending of a severely paralyzed veteran's daughter to the Warm Springs



BOYS AND BUGLES is the new community project this year for Post 1, Portland, Ore. The Post is helping to establish a 10-member band for the Columbia Boys Club and will contribute \$800 annually (in \$65 monthly payments) to help finance the unit. Portland Mayor Terry Shrink receives the first check from Post Commander Ralph Gruman.

THE 42nd NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



William R. Burke
Nat'l Cmdr

HERE ARE the members of the Nat'l Executive Committee of The American Legion for 1960-61. These 65 members include 58 from the state and foreign departments elected by their department conventions, and the 7 elected

nat'l officers — Nat'l Cmdr, 5 Nat'l Vice Cmdrs, and the Nat'l Chaplain. The Nat'l Cmdr is chairman of the NEC.

In addition, the 30 living Past National Commanders are members without vote.



Rev. William H. Moss
Nat'l Chaplain



Rullin C. Godwin
Nat'l Vice Cmdr



Dr. Harry H. Kretzler
Nat'l Vice Cmdr



Vincent J. Mayheini
Nat'l Vice Cmdr



James M. Wagoner
Nat'l Vice Cmdr



George K. Walker
Nat'l Vice Cmdr



Hugh W. Overton
Alabama



Herald F. Stringer
Alaska



Soleng Tom
Arizona



Abe J. Davidson
Arkansas



John J. Flynn
California



John B. Finnane
Canada



William R. Egan
Colorado



Joseph G. Leonard
Connecticut



Morris Wasserman
Delaware



Harold D. Beaton
Dist. of Columbia



E. Meade Wilson
Florida



Dana W. Lyman
France



James E. Powers
Georgia



Wallace C. S. Young
Hawaii



Peter B. Wilson
Idaho



Omar McMakin
Illinois



Ferd Batt
Indiana



Donald E. Johnson
Iowa



H. Armand de Masi
Italy



Keith Brecheisen
Kansas



Darrell B. Hancock
Kentucky



Albert V. La Biche
Louisiana



William J. Rogers
Maine



David L. Brigham
Maryland



Gabriel T. Olga
Massachusetts



Norbert W. Schnellkes
Mexico



Thomas Ronniell
Michigan



Daniel F. Foley
Minnesota



Ralph M. Godwin
Mississippi



William H. Cain
Missouri



John S. Wulf, Jr.
Montana



Stanley M. Huffman
Nebraska



Thomas W. Miller
Nevada



Floyd J. Daley
New Hampshire



William G. McKinley
New Jersey



Dr. D. H. Reed
New Mexico



Louis E. Drago
New York



Tim T. Craig
North Carolina



William Stern
North Dakota



Merle F. Brady
Ohio



Coleman Nolen
Oklahoma



Karl L. Wagner
Oregon



Raymond G. Bush
Panama Canal Zone



Walter Alessandrini
Pennsylvania



Jose J. de Guzman
Philippines



Gilberto M. Font
Puerto Rico



John A. Ryer
Rhode Island



E. Roy Stone, Jr.
South Carolina



Earl E. Hoelscher
South Dakota



Walton D. Griffin
Tennessee



Joe L. Matthews
Texas



Clark Cheney
Utah



J. Raymond McGinn
Vermont



L. Eldon James
Virginia



Lang Armstrong
Washington



Leonal O. Bickel
West Virginia



Lloyd J. Berken
Wisconsin



C. B. Metz
Wyoming

Foundation in Georgia for two years. As Central Relief does not provide permanent help, the committee persuaded others, including the County Freeholders, the Warm Springs Foundation itself and the national American Legion Child Welfare Commission to share the cost with the Bergen Legionnaires.

Among the more dramatic cases was that of a little boy dying of a rare disease in a local hospital. Central Relief sent him to a specialized hospital in Boston, reputed to be the only place in the country that might have cured him. It did, and the little boy is now a man.

During the Depression, the great bulk of Central Relief cases were crises caused by joblessness. As late as 1939, Central Relief spent \$2,809.40 specifically on milk, food, rent, gas and electricity, fuel, clothing, water, medical aid, burial costs, ambulance services, moving, transportation and insurance.

In 1932 the committee's aid affected 302 children in the families of 54 Legionnaires and 67 non-Legionnaires in Bergen County, mostly jobless.

The bulk of today's cases are caused by illness, usually of the breadwinner, rather than by general unemployment.

The poppy funds have bought much more than direct cash aid. In administering the funds, the members of the Legion-Auxiliary committee — some of whom have been reappointed over more than a quarter of a century — have accumulated enormous savvy and influence in dealing with the kind of cases that Post Service Officers are authorized

to refer to them. This special knowledge and influence has solved many cases without the use of money.

A mechanic became medically unemployed because he developed a rare allergy to machine oils. The committee was asked to help with the rent. Instead, it found him a job right up his alley, away from oils, where it would not have occurred to him to look.

The wife of a hospitalized veteran should have needed no Legion help because she was entitled to State welfare aid. But due to a personality conflict, the State agency was giving her a hard time. An influential member of the Central Committee smoothed the ruffled waters and the case was solved.

The work of the Committee so impressed the county newspaper, *The Bergen Evening Record* (now *The Record*) that in the early days it sponsored public events whose proceeds went to Central Relief.

Central Relief has only a fraction of the poppy funds to use locally. The hospitalized veterans who make the poppies by hand get a part. The Auxiliary sends more of the poppy dollars to higher levels in the Legion and the Auxiliary where it is used for child welfare and for programs of aid to hospitalized veterans. (The National Auxiliary gives a healthy chunk of it to the Legion for its national veterans rehabilitation and welfare programs each year).

As the local share of the poppy money might or might not be enough, the County's numerous Legion Posts long

ago guaranteed the Central Relief funds by promising so much per member, which each post would put up and get it back from poppy sales if it could.

Demands were so heavy during the Depression that the county Legionnaires agreed to an assessment of \$2 per member per post (not part of dues). With better times a surplus grew, which is now about \$60,000. The head tax on posts was reduced to \$1, then 50¢ and now 25¢ per member.

A few years ago a proposal was made to drop the head tax in view of the surplus. Every post said: "Nuts! \$60,000 can disappear over night if hard times should come again. When times are good is when to get ready for a rainy day."

So every post in the county anted up 25¢ per member again this year, guaranteed in advance of poppy sales.

Typically Legion, the funds are used 100% for their set purpose, and all of the administration is by volunteers.

Of the nine current committee members, four have served for more than two decades: Katherine Lord (Unit 55, Hackensack) and Harold Griffin (Post 170, Rochelle Park) both 28 years; Eleanor O'Reilly (Unit 128, Teaneck) 27 years; and Vincent Maher (Post 40, Ridgefield Park) 20 years.

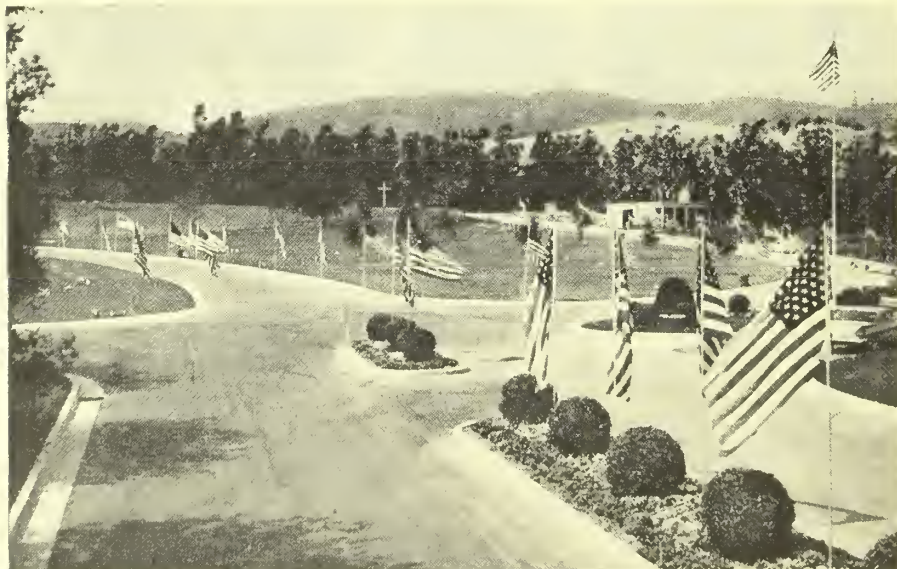
Another current member whose services are especially valuable because of his intimate knowledge of county affairs is County Judge C. Conrad Schneider, who was New Jersey's first WW2 state Legion Commander (Post 78 Englewood).

Also typical of the Legion is the virtual secrecy of the human side of Central Relief. As the cases are confidential, virtually no attempt is made to publicize the committee's work. The bulk of the county's Legion family who support it know little more than the general figures published in annual reports. It is a safe bet that most non-Legionnaires in the county who buy poppies don't know that Central Relief exists. Like many other Legion programs, it is a labor of organized devotion of the 12,000 Legion and Auxiliary members of the county, that has gone steadily on for twenty-seven years without fanfare.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Worth Adopting

American Legion Post 443, of Glassport, Pa., recently held a community-wide "Brotherhood Banquet." It was a general get-together of diverse interests and faiths of the Glassport area. At the dinner (many of them with speaking parts) were representatives of education, women's groups, firemen, fraternal



WHAT TO DO with flags provided by the government at the burial of veterans, after being officially used, has been answered by California American Legion Posts 181 (Brea) and 267 (La Habra). On Memorial Day this year, these posts will present the 4th "Avenue of Flags" commemoration. The flags, used at former burials, are stored for the families in the fireproof vaults of the cemetery. Each flag is carefully labeled with an identification tag on the hem. On both Memorial and Veterans Day, the flags are taken from their metal containers and mounted on 15' metal poles lining the avenues at 20' intervals. The first commemoration had only 3 flags. This year, nearly 100 flags will fly.

and business clubs, gov't agencies, labor, management, the clergy of the major religious groups, veterans organizations from a wide area, and all three branches of official government—legislative, judicial and administrative.

If the readers will pardon a little editorializing, every community can profit from such a function, for reasons too obvious to state. Any Legion post with the local prestige to command such a gathering is just the outfit to put it on, because the Legion's members are in all walks of life in their communities.

Benefactors DeLuxe

In Baraga, Michigan, a tiny village in the state's Upper Peninsula, they may someday enshrine the name of The American Legion in solid gold letters.

Twice in recent years the village has squirmed in the face of financial difficulties, and twice the Foucault-Funke American Legion Post 444 came to the rescue.

In 1954 the National Guard planned a \$350,000 Armory in the village, and all civic and governmental agencies pledged money to cover portions of the cost.

After a check of its funds, the village found that it could not meet its \$7,000 pledge. To save the village fathers from public embarrassment, Post 444 Legionnaires obtained a \$7,000 mortgage on their \$30,000 memorial home, then loaned the money to the village, interest free.

In 1959 a fire wiped out the Pettibone Michigan plant—a heavy lumber equipment manufacturer and Baraga's largest employer. Anxious to get back into production, the firm's management made plans to move the plant elsewhere.

This move would have been a financial disaster to 225 Baraga citizens who depended on the Pettibone plant for their livelihoods.

Post 444 again obtained a mortgage on its memorial home—this time for \$20,000—to help the village build a new plant for the Pettibone company.

While the new permanent building was being constructed, local Legionnaires and other townsfolk set up an assembly line for Pettibone in the \$350,000 National Guard Armory.

Today business is booming at the plant and the Pettibone management is planning to double the size of its present quarters. The alertness of the Legion Post helped create a healthy economic condition.

Has the success of these two major accomplishments made the Baraga Legionnaires complacent? Not at all. They are now ready to build a \$10,000 medical building for a dentist who is willing to practice in the village.

At present the citizens of Baraga must travel several miles to the cities

of L'Anse and Houghton for dental treatment.

"We're anxious to give the right man a liberal rental-purchase proposition," says Nap Martin, post finance officer. "All we ask is that he care for the patients in our village."

BRIEFLY NOTED:

- Teenager Wilbur Stile of Harrisburg, Pa., whose attendance at Keystone Boys' State last year was sponsored by American Legion Post 596, Harrisburg, was so sold on this outstanding Legion youth program, that he himself is sponsoring a boy this year. Now a senior in the John Harris High School in that city, young Stile has his own Sales Distribution business with 20 boys employed.

- The one-millionth young man was certified as a Safe Hunter by the National Rifle Ass'n recently when Samuel Cicero, 20, of Niagara Falls, N. Y. completed the volunteer-instructed Hunter Safety Course. Program began in 1949.

- Eight members of the family of Andrew Kayati, Sr., are members of Post 311, Waterford Township, N. J. — himself, six sons, and a son-in-law.

- President John F. Kennedy has pro-

claimed that the twelfth annual Armed Forces Day will be observed during the period May 13-21, 1961. Again the descriptive slogan POWER FOR PEACE sets the pace for wide participation in the event by military, veteran, business, industrial and civic groups throughout the nation.

- "Young Man of the Year" named by the Jaycees in Bowling Green, Ky., is John C. Kirby. He got the nod as a leader of the work of American Legion Post 23, there, in maintaining a Crippled Children's Clinic and a Speech Therapy Clinic.

- The American Legion's Nat'l Security Division, in cooperation with the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, is again sponsoring four Civil Defense training schools for Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Auxiliary. The first was held April 16-21 in Brooklyn, N.Y. The other three are scheduled as follows: May 7-12, Alameda, Calif.; May 14-19, Brooklyn; and June 5-9, Battle Creek, Mich.

- The Rhode Island American Legion started at the top when it kicked off its "Operation Welcome Back" program
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POSTS IN ACTION

Items from our 16,753 posts. Those of most general interest and widest geographical spread are selected, with apologies for the hundreds of others that are so kindly reported to the editors.

Clinic — Post 47, Chicago, Ill., after a lapse of 3 months, held another polio inoculation clinic recently, and 242 persons received shots — mostly family "breadwinners". Prior to the 3-month lapse, the post had sponsored polio clinics regularly for 2 years.

Final Report — Post 29, Jackson, Mich., reported a total of 10,123 polio shots given in 1960 by post-sponsored clinics and assisted by 180 volunteer workers. From the money left over after expenses, \$231.75 was turned over to the local polio chapter to be earmarked for vaccine clinic use. Two wheel chairs were also purchased by the post for loan-out purposes.

Polio Fund — Post 367, Ripley, Ohio, for the past 8 years has sponsored a "Hands for Polio" tobacco sale — the proceeds of which are turned over to the local county polio fund. Raw tobacco is collected by the post members during the warehouse season and sold just before the market closes. This year, Brown County Polio Chapter received \$2,520 from the post. Three other adjoining county chapters received \$200 between them.

Hospital Room — Post & Unit 120, West Allis, Wis., contributed \$1,000 each to the new Memorial Hospital for the furnishing of a room.

BB Fun — Post 308, Orleans, Mass., has organized an air rifle (BB gun) club for the 7-14 age youth of the community to teach them the proper safety regulations in handling shooting weapons. Thirty-two children are now attending the weekly instruction periods.

Scholarship — Post & Auxiliary Unit 273, Brainerd, Minn., will sponsor an annual \$150 scholarship (beginning this year) to be used towards the first year tuition costs in any accredited college or junior college — the winner to be selected from the graduating class of the local high school.

Heroes — Post 555, Watkins Glen, N.Y., recently presented an American Legion Distinguished Youth Award to Miss Rose Ann Biagetti for saving the life of her baby sister through mouth-to-mouth respiration and to Miss Diane Granston who carried five small children — for whom she was baby-sitting — from their burning home.

BRIEFLY NOTED

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for 1961 by re-enrolling Gov. John A. Notte, Jr. The program is a nationwide membership promotion plan for signing up members who previously belonged to the Legion. Rhode Island Dep't Cmdr John J. O'Connell and NECman John A. Ryer were responsible for the reinstatement.

● For the first time in its history, The Department of France American Legion sponsored a national high school oratorical contest among the American high schools in France and Germany.

● Nat'l Cmdr William R. Burke has received the "Torch of Liberty Award for 1961" from the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai Brith. The award cited Cmdr Burke's "tireless dedication in behalf of the cause of human rights and dignity."

● The Tennessee American Legion has donated \$2,100 to the Sam Rayburn \$25,000 national fund being raised to help Legionnaire and WWI Congressional Medal of Honor winner, Alvin C. York, straighten out his income tax difficulties.

● The name of the late James F. Daniel, Jr., was officially adopted as the name of his home post, Post 3, Greenville, S. Carolina, during the celebration of the Legion's 42nd Birthday in March. Daniel was for many years chairman of the Legion's Nat'l Americanism Commission.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States.

Donald W. Graham (1957) and George D. Clarke (1958) and Virgil A. McCall (1959), Post 115, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Harl F. Brown and John E. Lien (both 1960), Post 272, Montebello, Calif.

Joseph E. Jennes (1960), Post 303, El Cajon, Calif.

Laurance L. Linegar and Finley J. MacDonald (both 1960), Post 311, Lancaster, Calif.

Peggy Lovelace (1960), Post 379, Oakland, Calif.

Alfred Gralinski and Philip A. Thomas (both 1960), Post 8, Munich, Germany.

Robert Miller (1960), Post 220, Chicago, Ill.

Walter Reinhardt (1960), Post 748, Antioch, Ill.

Abbie Bachelder (1960), Post 1444, Chicago, Ill.

Isaac Clary (1958) and Victor Driever (1960), Post 156, Hamburg, Iowa.

Cecil Brandburg (1948) and John A. Walters (1960) and Logan Deatrage (1961), Post 12, Richmond, Ky.

Dan W. Spurlock (1928) and Ernest L. Hawkins (1937) and Harney S. Bogan (1945) and A. R. Selher, Sr. (1950), Post 14, Shreveport, La.

James F. Beatty (1943) and Charles M. Doherty (1947) and James H. Smith (1947) and Frank J. Barter (1950), Post 45, Medford, Mass.

Leo F. Murphy (1947) and John J. Walsh (1948) and Ralph A. Wiranis (1957) and Peter F. Rogers (1959), Post 65, Dorchester, Mass.

Frank Brookhaven and John J. Slattery (both 1960), Post 105, Boston, Mass.

Ralph L. Belcher and Dr. James B. Gallagher, Sr. (both 1959), Post 147, Rockland, Mass.

Silas W. Grant (1955) and Gordon H. Allen, Sr. (1958), Post 194, Hamilton, Mass.

Jaime Carella and John D'Amico and J. Henry Sullivan (all 1958) and Kenneth R. Lotterhand (1959), Post 294, West Quincy, Mass.

George Attwater (1960), Post 197, Harbor Beach, Mich.

Albert Michem and Norbert Revyn and Richard Roose and Maurice L. Sierens (all 1960), Post 286, Detroit, Mich.

A. E. Arntzen (1960), Post 72, Appleton, Minn.

John W. Shea, (1960), Post 299, St. Louis, Mo.

Paul Walters (1942) and William R. Black (1943) and John Paul Jones (1956) and Larry E. Layman (1960), Post 1, Reno, Nev.

Burris Baker and James Hinds (both 1960), Post 15, Ashland, N. H.

T. Russell Clevenger (1960), Post 17, Collingswood, N. J.

Frank Knill and Walter Schlicht (both 1960), Post 126, Cliffside Park, N. J.

Frank J. Fitzgerald (1960), Post 27, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jacob Fries (1960), Post 87, Dansville, N. Y.

George W. Goodhart and William Javana and Frank L. Kirk and Carl A. Kuhule (all 1960), Post 106, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Darwin P. Christy, Sr. (1960), Post 351, Ripley, N. Y.

Victor Benvenuti and Pietro Dell'Edera and William Martin and Vincent Schurr (all 1960), Post 517, Staten Island, N. Y.

William J. Sweeney (1958) and Christ Blumenstem and Howard H. Poole and James Wolcott (all 1959), Post 622, Williamsville, N. Y.

Sammel Hummer and Herbert C. Keller and Charles J. Koestler and Willard J. Magavern (all 1959), Post 708, Buffalo, N. Y.

Joseph W. Ferris, and Salem Karam and George Sihri, Sr. and Joseph A. Zaloon (all 1960), Post 791, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Daniel B. Salvia (1960), Post 1099, New York, N. Y.

Joseph O. Peterson and Jacob S. Waxelbaum (1959), Post 1115, Brooklyn, N. Y.

George Spriggs (1960), Post 1276, Syracuse, N. Y.

Santo Petrovato (1960), Post 1813, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Henry L. Baumgardner (1959), Post 16, Newton, N. C.

Thomas H. Abernathy, Jr. and Abel R. Snyder (both 1960), Post 82, Shelby, N. C.

Harold G. Morris (1959) and John H. King (1961), Post 87, High Point, N. C.

Arthur E. Broderson (1961), Post 2, Forest Grove, Oreg.

Kenneth Bloom and Ralph Banton and Dan Brennenman and Forest Campbell (all 1960), Post 10, Albany, Oreg.

Frances Mitchell (1960), Post 50, Philadelphia, Pa.

Walter F. Swanson (1960), Post 526, Endeavor, Pa.

Richard Carmichael (1960), Post 578, East Lansdowne, Pa.

Eugene A. Brunner, Sr. and Raymond M. Steele, Jr. (both 1960), Post 866, Emsworth, Pa.

Norman Sims (1960), Post 2, Salt Lake City, Utah.

George G. Flood (1959) and Gerald Shucklin (1960), Post 1, Seattle, Wash.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships," The American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N. Y. Date of award is requested in all cases. Receipt of names cannot be acknowledged.

Life memberships in Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia are only accepted if received via the Department Adjutant, in conformity with state Legion policy.

named as alternate Nat'l Executive Committeeman of the New Jersey American Legion, replacing the late Albert E. McCormick.

RABBI ROBERT I. KAHN, D.H.L., past Nat'l Chaplain (1959-60) of The American Legion, awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by Freedoms Foundation, based on his "Message of Israel" presentation July 3, 1960 over a national radio program.

Died:

EDWARD B. NOWACK, member of the Legion's Nat'l Employment Committee since 1948; on March 2, in Buffalo, N.Y.

DR. JAMES A. REDDEN, member of Post 21, Springfield, Mass. and brother of Harold Redden, chmn of the Legion's Nat'l Finance Commission; on Mar. 24. He was a member of the Massachusetts American Legion's Rehabilitation Commission for many years.

HAYWOOD G. PARTLOW, member of the Legion's Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission, former member of the Nat'l Constitution and By-Laws, Counter-Subversive Activities, and Distinguished Guests Committees, and Dep't Judge Advocate of the Arkansas American Legion since 1951; on Mar. 9, in Blytheville, Ark.

DUNCAN C. MCCALLUM, member of the Legion's Nat'l Merchant Marine Committee since 1957; on Mar. 11, in Leechburg, Pa.

JAMES S. HOWIE, member of the Legion's Nat'l Public Relations Commission since 1951; on Mar. 6, in Los Angeles, Calif.

RICHARD W. WATSON, an American Legion Founder and a member of the Legion's Nat'l Membership and Post Activities Committee (1951-1957); on Feb. 14, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended the Paris Caucus, Mar. 15-17, 1919.

REP. B. CARROLL REECE (R-Tenn.), for 7 years a member of the Legion's Nat'l Distinguished Guests Committee and 3 terms as chmn of the Tennessee American Legion's Foreign Relations Committee; on Mar. 19, in D.C.

REP. W. P. NORRELL (D-Ark.), a member of the Legion's Nat'l Distinguished Guests Committee (1944-45) and again (1948-61); on Feb. 15.

RUDY I. NICHOLS, past Dep't Cmdr of the Washington American Legion (1940-41); on Feb. 22, in Everett.

JUDGE WILLIAM J. MALONE, one of the American Legion Founders; on Feb. 9, in Bristol, Conn. He attended the St. Louis Caucus in May 1919 and wrote a large part of the National Constitution of The American Legion adopted at that Caucus.

SAMUEL M. BIRNBAUM, member of the Legion's Nat'l Constitution and By-Law Committee since 1946 and its chmn for 5 years; on Mar. 6, in New York. He was also serving his 19th year as Dep't Judge Advocate and his 8th year as

chmn of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the New York American Legion at the time of his death.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars, write person whose address is given.

Notices accepted on official form only. For form send stamped, addressed return envelope to: O. R. Form, American Legion Magazine, 720 Fifth Ave., New York 19, N. Y. Notices should be received at least four months before scheduled reunion.

Army

1st Cav NGP, Hqs Trp, Troop I, 28th Div (A.E.F.)—(July) C. L. Hendrickson, 23 East 2nd St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
2nd Armored Div—(Aug.) Donald C. Heilmann, 209 Kleber Rd., Glenshaw, Pa.
4th Cav—(Aug.) M. J. Loberg, Annandale, Minn.
8th Armored Div—(June) Henry B. Rothenberg, 134 North La Salle St., Chicago 2, Ill.
9th Inf Div—(July) Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J.
11th Armored Div ("Thunderbolts")—(Aug.) Alfred Pfeiffer, 2328 Admiral St., Aliquippa, Pa.
12th Armored Div—(July) Lawrence E. Mintz, 20020 Snowden Ave., Detroit 35, Mich.
16th Sig Op Bn—(July) Jules P. Schuengel, 741 So. 8th Ave., La Grange, Ill.
17th Airborne Div—(Aug.) W. A. Roncoue, 802 Hiland Ave., Coraopolis, Pa.
24th Evac Hosp—(July) Wyleen F. Steele, 573 Tibet Rd., Columbus 2, Ohio.
26th Inf Div (Yankee) (WWI & 2)—(June) Angelo J. Mantenuto, Hotel Lenox, Boston 16, Mass.
28th Div—(Aug.) Robert E. Laskowski, 4401 Hillside Ave., Harrisburg, Pa.
30th Inf, 3rd Bn, Hdqs & Hdqs Co—(Aug.) Daniel R. Patterson, 305-3rd St., McComb, Miss.

33rd Div—(June) Wm. Engel, 176 W. Adams St., Room 1634, Chicago 3, Ill.
41st Inf Div—(July) Joseph A. Reardon, 358 East 163rd, Seattle 15, Wash.
50th Engrs, Co C—(Aug.) Maurice Devine, 1720 So. Menlo Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
52nd Engrs, Ry Trans Corp (WWI)—(July) George H. Eckrote, 71 Poplar St., Kingston, Pa.
56th Pioneer Inf (WWI)—(Aug.) Willie M. Gaskin, P.O. Box 161, Smithfield, N. Car.
63rd Inf Div—(July) Albert G. De Bliss, 3 James St., Baltimore 21, Md.
80th Inf Div—(Aug.) Edward J. Patrick, 205 House Building, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.
91st Gen Hosp—(June) E. R. Paules, P.O. Box 104, Clinton, Iowa.
92nd Med Gas Treatment Bn—(Aug.) Maurice E. Williams, 5419 Warren Ave., Norwood 12, Ohio.
95th Inf Div—(Aug.) Richard H. Martin, 4005 Breckenridge Lane, Granite City, Ill.
101st Airborne Div—(Aug.) Harold I. Gerber, 2912 East 126th St., Cleveland 20, Ohio.
102nd Inf Div (Ozarks) (WW2)—(Aug.) Walter E. Brown, Jr., 313 County Center Rd., White Plains, N. Y.
103rd QM Co, 103rd Inf Div—(Aug.) Roy Allison, 4603 Maryland Dr., Chattanooga, Tenn.
106th Div (WW2)—(July) Ben Hagman, 132 Dallas Ave., Weatherford, Tex.
110th AAA Gun Bn, Btry D—(Aug.) Robert L. Horan, 402 Blodgett St., Manchester, N. H.
116th AA Bn, MBI, Btry D—(June) Anthony Sorce, 6 Pierrepont Ave., Middlesex, N. J.
125th FA, Hdqs Btry, 34th Div—(July) Willis E. Young, 908 No. 3rd St., Princeton, Minn.
135th AAA Gun Bn, Btry B, C.A.C.—(May) Edward Mulhorn, 139 Jackson St., Hanover, Pa.
137th FA & 3rd Ind. Inf. (WWI)—(July) Robert J. Vermande, 51558 Pond St., So. Bend 17, Ind.
190th & 200th FA, 1st Army—(July) Wm. A. Moore, P.O. Box 97, DuBois, Pa.
209th FA Bn (WW2)—(June) Jack K. Embrey, 1717 Poplar St., Winfield, Kans.
213th Coast Artillery AA—(July) Harold Boltz, 235 Lchman St., Lebanon, Pa.
215th Coast Artillery AA, Btry A—(July) Al Hallanger, 17 N.W. 11th St., Faribault, Minn.
222nd & 225th FA Bn, Service Btry (WW2)—(June) Glen Shelley, 47 North 1st West, Lehi, Utah.
308th Inf Regt, 77th Div (A.E.F.)—(May) Lionel Bendheim, 28 East 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.
313th Inf, 79th Div—(July) Rudy Wolberg, 4638 1/2 S. Cicero Ave., Chicago 32, Ill.
314th Inf (WW2)—(July) Edward C. White, Jr., 3829 No. Pioneer, Chicago 34, Ill.
314th Motor Supply Train, Co B, 89th Div—(Aug.) Ewald T. Nuss, Sutton, Nebr.

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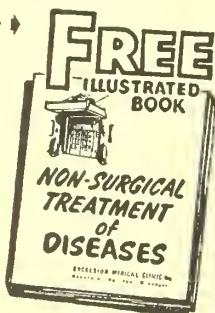
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329th FA (A.E.F.)—(June) Walter E. Shell, 9324 Littlefield, Detroit 28, Mich.
331st Inf, Co I, 83rd Div—(June) Joseph Fuschino, 1123 Grandin Ave., Rockville, Md.
342nd FA, Btry B (WW2)—(June) E. G. Youngquist, Kiron, Iowa.
346th FA, Btry D (A.E.F.)—(June) Bert L. Cotton, Kittitas, Wash.
351st AA Searchlight Bn—(June) Philip G. Karg, 855 Grove St., Hutchinson, Minn.
351st Inf, Co I, 88th Div (WW2)—(Aug.) Chester M. Comer, Bussey, Iowa.
359th AAA Searchlight Bn—(July) Dave Becker, 54 Parkside Ave., Braintree 84, Mass.
359th Engr GS Regt (WW2)—(Aug.) Richard W. Foster, RR #1, Ludlow Falls, Ohio.
361st Inf Regt, 91st Div (WW2)—(Aug.) Richard C. Oshlo, 2228 Avenue B, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
410th Ord Co "Rabbit Runners"—(Aug.) John Borman, 6648 Foster St., Cincinnati 30, Ohio.
442nd Med Collecting Co—(Aug.) Earl L. Pelham, 5480 White Road, Cement City, Mich.
474th Med College Co—(June) Howard L. Krout, Old Beth. Rd. M.R. 1, Perkasi, Pa.
557th AAA, AW Bn—(May) Steve F. Polacek, 629 Wilson Ave., Baden, Pa.
567th AAA Bn—(July) William W. Garrett, 3340 Valentine Road, S.W., Roanoke, Va.
604th Ord Bn—(May) J. J. Vinyard, 352 Sharptown Road, Salem, N. J.
636th Tank Destroyer Bn—(Aug.) Henry Probst, Syracuse, Nebr.
648th Tank Destroyer—(July) Al Vaughan, 919 Garland St., S.W., Camden, Ark.
753rd Ry Shop Bn—(June) 753rd Railway Shop Battalion, P.O. Box 55, Bucyrus, Ohio.
754th Tank Bn—(July) Michael J. Stepien, 122 Churchhill St., McKees Rocks, Pa.
785th Base Depot Co (Trans Corps)—(Aug.) Ed K. Epland, 933 Cornwell Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.
832nd Engr Avn Bn (WW2)—(July) John J. Wojdyla, 8729 So. Justine St., Chicago 29, Ill.
863rd Ord Hvy Automotive Maintenance Co—(Aug.) Hans G. Ehlers, Greta, Nebr.
882nd FA Bn, Btry A, 70th Div—(June) Wayne L. Brannon, 630 North First St., Vandalia, Ill.
893rd AA, AW Bn, Btry A—(Aug.) Lyman Warren, R.D. 5, Box 197, Ithaca, N. Y.
904th Sig Co, Avn Depot—(July) A. R. Vallinger, 1019 East Jardin St., Appleton, Wis.
959th Air Base Security Bn—(Aug.) Edwin Parpart, RR #2, Columbus, Wis.
1127 & 1400th MP—(July) Frank Farina, 1001 Serill Ave., Yeadon, Pa.
1252nd Engr Combat Bn—(June) Raymond W. Stillmun, 5037 Sylvia Rd., Drexel Hill, Pa.
257th SCU Station Comp, Hqs Regt, Demil SCU—(Aug.) John Cannito, 319 N. 64th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
National WAC Veterans—(Aug.) Billy Prior Bates, 841 Bruce Dr., Palo Alto, Calif.
Ranger Bn—(Aug.) Harold Wilson, 30 Sickles St., New York 40, N. Y.

Navy

4th Amphib Tractor Bn (USMC)—(Aug.) I. Dale Ruark, 503 E. Third St., Kimball, Nebr.
12th Defense & AAA BN (USMC)—(Aug.) Joseph P. Urban, 900 E. Maple St., Palmyra, Pa.
16th Seabees—(Aug.) Joe Karl, 1826 So. Java Way, Denver 19, Colo.
26th Seabees—(Aug.) John G. Witte, 23 Huron St., Toledo 4, Ohio.
30th Seabees—(May) Charles E. Morrison, 54 Clinton Ave., Springfield, N. J.
55th Seabees—(June) Henry D. Marshall, 1744 Kenilworth Ave., Pasadena 3, Calif.
93rd Seabees—(Aug.) Edwin Pearson, RR #3, Plymouth, Ind.
104th Seabees—(Aug.) A. Mac McQueen, 4010 Beniteau, Detroit 14, Mich.
Navy 107, FPO NY—(May) Christine S. Wynot, 162 Pleasant St., Dorchester, Mass.
302nd Seabees—(June) Martin A. Lowe, 8441 Bayard St., Philadelphia 50, Pa.
USS Black (DD666)—(Aug.) Stanley Sward, c/o Chip Shop, Cambridge, Ill.
USS Chaney (DD667)—(Aug.) Gilbert DeMay, 613 Pleasant St., Kewanee, Ill.
USS Kidd (DD661)—(Aug.) Harold F. Monning, 310 E. 8th St., Kewanee, Ill.
USS LST 555 (WW2)—(Aug.) Charles Ward Jr., P.O. Box 24, New Athens, Ohio.
USS The Sullivans, DD537 (WW2)—(Aug.) Robert R. Sander, 325 Thatcher Ave., River Forest, Ill.
Cape May, N. J. Section Base and Wissahickon Bks—(June) Art Jordan, 7370 Henry Ave., Philadelphia 28, Pa.

Air

10th Trp Carrier Sqd, 60th Trp Carrier Gp—(Aug.) John Diamantakos, 1569 Overlook Dr., Akron 7, Ohio.
11th Bomb Gp (H) Pacific, 1940-45—(Aug.) Robert E. May, 13000 Eckel Junction Road, Perrysburg, Ohio.
22nd Bomb Gp—(Aug.) Adolph P. Leirer, 865-17th St., Manhattan Beach, Calif.
27th Aero Sqd, 1st Pursuit Gp (WW2)—(Aug.) Robert McLeod, 1332 Begier Ave., San Leandro, Calif.

325th Fighter Gp—(June) Stanley Wilson, 201 Terrace Heights, Zelenople, Pa.
388th Bomb Gp (H)—(July) Edward J. Huntzinger, 863 Maple St., Perrysburg, Ohio.
407th Bomb Sqd (92nd Bomb Gp, 8th AF)—(Aug.) George L. Reynolds, 710 Stewart Ave., Columbus 6, Ohio.
414th Bomb Sqd 97th Bomb Gp—(Aug.) Charles Merlo, 7335 Neckel, Dearborn, Mich.
959th Air Base Security Bn—(Aug.) Ed Parpart, RR #2, Columbus, Wis.
Sookerting Air Base, Assam, India—(Aug.) Winfield Burke, R 5 Box 130, Chillicothe, Ohio.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these comrades are urged to do so.

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Readers wanting Legion help with claims should contact their local service officers.

Service officers unable to locate needed witnesses for claims development should refer the matter to the Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission through normal channels, for further search before referral to this column.

Navy

Mobile Hospital 6, Auckland, New Zealand (1943-44) and Bldg. 201, Great Lakes, Ill. (1945)—Ralph Weissinger. Wife of this veteran needs to hear from "Spitz" Spitzack, Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class, who served with her husband during the above mentioned dates. Please contact Mrs. Ralph Weissinger, 324 Ohio Ave., Sidney, Ohio. Claim pending.

Army

1st Inf Div, Co G, 16th Inf Regt, 2nd Bn—George W. Stevenson. Any member of the 2nd Bn who was with him at the Oasis in El-Guettar, Tunisia, North Africa, in March 1943, when the kitchen and artillery area was under enemy air attack for 11 days, at which time this veteran's ear drum was perforated by bomb concussions, please contact him at: 1097 Miller St., Sunbury, Pa.

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ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit....	\$ 640,424.23
Receivables	283,760.55
Inventories	508,165.00
Invested Funds	1,550,348.36
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Funds	\$ 266,806.88
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	3,067,566.59 3,334,373.47
Real Estate	808,518.15
Furniture & Fixtures,	
Less Depreciation	217,596.05
Deferred Charges	145,874.49
	<u>\$7,489,060.30</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 428,463.98
Funds Restricted as to use	30,377.80
Deferred Income	1,818,381.07
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Funds	\$ 266,806.88
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	3,067,566.59 3,334,373.47
Net Worth:	
Reserve Fund	24,185.11
Restricted Fund	21,197.63
Real Estate	808,518.15
Reserve for Rehabilitation	444,675.21
Reserve for Child Welfare	45,975.31
Reserve for Convention	60,000.00
	<u>\$1,404,551.41</u>
Unrestricted	
Capital	472,912.57 1,877,463.98
	<u>\$7,489,060.30</u>

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR VETERANS INSURANCE?

(Continued from page 25)

quired current level of the higher premium plan.

If you want to switch to a lower-premium plan you must show current good health. As the new policy reserve would be lower, you get the difference in reserves back, if you've had the older plan for at least 12 months. (A K that's been in force 5 years cannot be switched to a lower premium plan).

Converting term insurance to a permanent plan: Can be done at any time, without showing good health (except you can't convert to an endowment policy, which we've ignored in these articles, while totally disabled.) Minimum conversion is \$1,000 of insurance. Above that you can convert in multiples of \$500. You can convert such chunks to different plans, and keep same in term.

Converting from permanent to term insurance: You can't do it.

Buying a lump of insurance at once: For reasons of his own, a veteran who has the funds can get away ahead of himself in his life insurance.

There are other reasons besides hitting the daily double at the racetrack and wanting to put the money where it will do some good before the nags get it back.

Two ways to do this are (1) To convert a term policy to a backdated permanent policy, and (2) To pay premiums far in advance on a permanent policy. Descriptions follow:

Backdating a permanent plan when converting from term: You can backdate a permanent plan to an earlier age, and pay the premium rate henceforth that you'd have paid if you had converted to it at that age.

But you must put a chunk of cash in the policy to bring the backdated policy's reserve (same as its cash value) up to date from the backdated age. You can borrow on the permanent plan that you are taking out, backdated, to help establish the reserve you must put in it.

Example: You have \$10,000 term insurance on a V policy and you are 45 years old. You want to convert it all to 30-Pay life, which would be all paid up at age 75, and which, starting at age 45, will cost you in premiums (before dividends) \$316.10 a year for 30 years.

But you just won the Irish sweepstakes, so you have a little money on hand. So you backdate the 30-Pay life policy to age 30, which was 15 years ago. You put in the cash value that the policy would now have if you had actually converted it 15 years ago. That's \$2,615.50. You then start paying \$216.70 a year premiums (the rate starting at 30), and in 15 years, at age 60, the whole thing is paid up, and has a

cash value of more than \$5,000, which will keep growing.

Or, you could borrow as much as \$2,459.50 at interest on the new policy toward making up the reserve, and put up only \$175.00 in cash, to do the same thing. In that case, the policy would be worth, as a death claim, the face value less any unpaid part of the loan.

Paying Premiums at a discount in advance: The Veterans Administration believes that it is generally better to convert to a plan at your present age and pay premiums in advance with the lump of cash you have at hand, instead of backdating. Anyone considering either of these ways of buying a big chunk of insurance all at once should study both ideas with expert advice.

Getting out of the mess of having carried term insurance too long: The longer veterans hang onto term insurance, the more difficult it becomes to convert to a permanent plan, since the permanent plan premiums are higher the older you are when you convert. Of course vets with K policies, who qualify, can get out of the term-insurance-too-long mess by maturing their policies for disability, as we've already described. WW2 and Korea vets will never have this "out," which makes a prompt study of conversion from term insurance all the more important for them.

Borrowing on your permanent policy: You can borrow up to 94% of the cash value of your permanent plan policy. As long as you pay the interest and keep the policy in force, you can repay on your own schedule.

Some veterans finance their automobiles this way, and many WW1 vets saved their homes or businesses in the Depression because they had a nestegg in a permanent insurance plan to fall back on.

A policy's value as a death claim is reduced by the amount of any unpaid loan against it.

If you only borrow to provide a needed asset for your family, then the loan is serving the same general purpose as the insurance would in a death claim. There is no such thing as being turned down on a legitimate loan application against a policy of yours that is in good standing.

Taking out new vets life insurance now: Except as described for RH insurance here last month, you can't take out any new vets' life insurance now, or increase what you now have. The Legion is supporting a bill to reopen WW2 and Korea insurance for a limited time.

A vet with a policy less than \$10,000 now, who becomes eligible for RH (see last month's issue) could go to the

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Contestability: Vets insurance is "normally" incontestable, but is contestable under certain obvious conditions—such as fraud to obtain it; nonpayment of premiums; or lack of the qualifying military service on which such policies are based. The right to the insurance is also forfeited for various sorts of treason, mutiny, spying and desertion; and for refusing service in the Armed Forces of the U.S. It won't pay off for a death inflicted in punishment for a crime, unless inflicted by an enemy of the U.S. But in such case the beneficiary would get the cash surrender value, if any.

Special circumstances: There are logical exceptions to some of the things we are saying here that apply in special circumstances. To help you get a general picture, this article doesn't go into such special applications. What we say is not the last bit of small type, but a guide to many different areas of your insurance that you should find out more about if they touch on any problem of yours.

Options: You can have your insurance pay your beneficiary a lump sum, or any of several different regular payments, by stating your choice to the VA.

Beneficiaries: You can leave your vets' insurance to any one, or any group, or any outfit you wish, or to your estate.

You can name more than one person to share in it.

You can name "contingent" beneficiaries, to receive it if the chief beneficiary(ies) die before you do.

Think this over carefully, as there are some common (as well as uncommon) things that upset the applecart.

A common one is that the wife is the sole beneficiary, and she and the insured are killed in an auto accident together. Then the insurance goes to the estate.

As it is often better for the insurance to go to the children directly, instead of the estate, perhaps they should be named contingent beneficiaries in the policy. (Especially if you had assumed they'd get the insurance from their mother, and your estate is divided among others in your will.)

This gets complicated, and you should really have both your will and your insurance reviewed occasionally by experts who are familiar with these tangles.

Contested payment: Any time the VA refuses to pay off a policy at death, the beneficiary should ask The American Legion—through the nearest post service

officer—to review the facts. The VA may be right, but as it has sometimes reversed itself in the face of a carefully prepared case made by the Legion, the Legion's services should be enlisted. If a case can be made, the Legion experts are better trained to do it than anyone else we know.

Sad cases: The Legion, of course, gets cases of VA refusal to pay off that it can't win because the VA is right. Of all such cases, the most common is the veteran who paid his premiums on a monthly basis, who went past the 31-day grace period without paying, and died before he could put the money up.

That policy is *lapsed* and — without very special circumstances — the beneficiary does not get paid. As one Legion service officer said, sometimes the veteran is on the way to the postoffice to mail the overdue premium when he is hit by a car — it's that tragic. (Sometimes, and sometimes *only*, Legion investigations discover grounds for payment.)

How can vets protect themselves and their families against their own too-common failings in such too-typical cases?

Several things can reduce the risk. The vet who pays his premiums monthly takes 12 chances a year of lapsing his policy by oversight. The vet who pays annually takes but one. The toughest part of paying annually (the whole year's premium at once) is getting up the first payment. You don't have a year to salt it away.

Best way out for vets with K or V policies, which earn dividends, is to leave the dividends with the VA at interest, but with instructions to apply them to any premiums that would become overdue. The dividends left with the VA automatically prevent such tragedies. Unless, that is, you then make it a habit to burn up the dividends by not paying premiums so long as there are any dividends there.

Of course a lapsed *term* policy always provides the biggest tragedy. It pays nothing. A lapsed *permanent* policy has some value even if not the full face value, long after it has lapsed.

When not to convert: Some readers who read Part I of this article last month wanted to know why, if we made such a good case for converting term insurance to permanent insurance, we "lacked the guts" to recommend that every veteran with term insurance should convert immediately.

Sound general advice does not apply to everyone. In addition to very special personal circumstances, there are some general situations in which immediate conversion is not necessarily the right thing.

A veteran who has good reason to believe that he will not live a normal life span may do better with term than permanent insurance, and it is up to him,

not us, to bet he will beat the undertaker.

A veteran whose only insurance is, say, \$5,000 veterans term insurance, and who has a sick wife and four little children and not much income could very well be advised to keep his term insurance and go into the open market for more of it. He needs all the insurance he can carry with limited funds until his children are closer to an age when they can support themselves. He *should* know now that at a later age he will have to readjust his plan.

A veteran with, say, \$30,000 permanent-plan commercial life insurance on top of \$10,000 vets term insurance may, though not poor, be spending about all he can on insurance. It is up to him, not us, to decide if he can also turn his vets' insurance into a permanent policy. He *should* know now that the day is coming when his vets term insurance will be a problem.

Two not-so-shrewd deals: Some readers have suggested two "shrewd" deals that we don't believe are really so shrewd. One class of readers suggested that in terms of a long-range bargain it is better to stick with term insurance at the ages when it is dirt cheap, and convert after having "taken advantage" of that factor.

If the long-range bargain is the determining factor, save yourself the arithmetic. Assuming a normal life, the best bargain is always converting as much insurance as possible to a permanent plan at the earliest possible age. The later you convert, the more expensive the entire deal is from this date on, no matter how cheap term insurance seems to be now.

The other class of readers suggested that you "insure yourself" by setting up your own investment plan, and reducing your term insurance as your investments grow. This was put forth as a substitute for permanent insurance. You handle the "savings" part on your own instead of putting the money into insurance savings, and you do better, they say, because insurance "savings" are so conservative.

This overlooks the fact that insurance is your personal and family *security* nestegg. The advice is to speculate with what would be the "savings" part of a permanent insurance plan. It violates the rules of speculation because the first rule is "don't gamble with the rent money." Insurance is the "rent money" for your family if you die, for yourself in your old age. The "savings" in a permanent policy is a *contract*, and it is guaranteed. Nothing is guaranteed a speculator. In 1930, when WWI vets with permanent policies were saving their homes and businesses with their insurance, the speculators—who'd been paper rich a little earlier—were jumping out windows. Nuf sed.

THE END

ingly dressed as the Statue of Liberty and the other as the Spirit of '76, appeared and led the way to a table where sat a recruiting officer, papers in front of him, pen in hand. A trickle and then a stream of young men headed for him. Scotty stood there with his mouth open just a bit.

"Join up or wear petticoats," cried the Statue of Liberty. Other girls in the crowd took up the cry and more men fell into line. Others quickly made their way through the crowd and ducked into the subway entrances.

"Don't you wish you were old enough to go?" asked Scotty's pal, his eyes shining.

"You're too short, anyway," said Scotty, looking down at his buddy, "but I'm not. Everyone says I'm big for my age and I got my long pants on."

"Yeah," muttered his schoolmate, looking down sadly at his own knickers, "but I suppose the war will still be on when we're old enough."

"I'm not going to wait that long," said Scotty. "I'm big enough now. Tell my mother I've joined up."

The other boy stared at him with a mixture of awe and admiration as Scotty, his shoulders back and standing as tall as he could, took a place at the end of the line.

"Hey, Scotty," whispered his pal, "they won't take you. You're only 15. You ain't old enough."

"Big enough for 18," Scotty hissed back. "Now scram before you spoil everything."

The other boy retreated to the sidelines and watched as Scotty drew near the recruiter. He was shorter than most of the men in line but fortunately the man in front of him was short too, so he didn't stand out too much. At last he was in front of the officer.

"Name?"

"Albert Edward Scott."

The recruiter looked up. "How old are you?"

"Eighteen, sir."

"Eighteen, eh? What year were you born?"

Scotty almost fell into the trap.

"Nineteen, I mean, 1898."

The man looked him over. Damn it. It was hard to tell how old these kids were. This one might be 18 or he might be 14. Well, sign him up anyway. If he were too young he'd soon set up a holler for his mamma and they'd send him home again with no harm done. But if he was 18, there was no sense embarrassing him with this crowd looking on and then he might join the Navy. He shrugged and filled out the rest of the papers.

"OK, son. Stand over there."

Scotty moved through the crowd and stood with the other volunteers. The band was banging away at "Over There" and the crowd was cheering as each man stepped up to give his name to the recruiter. The Boston Common was beginning to look like a carnival. Girls greeted each new Army man with loud, hard kisses. A pretty girl with a small red, white and blue bow in her lapel grabbed Scotty by the arm and spun him around.

"I won't kiss you," she cried. "You're still a baby."

Scotty turned scarlet and hoped that nobody had heard her.

"But maybe I will anyway because you're so cute and brave." She held him by the shoulders and planted a wet kiss full on his lips while everybody cheered and shouted.

"Hey," yelled a fat man, "you're in the Army now!"

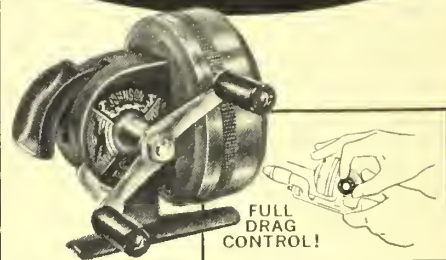
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Two things Scotty didn't like about the uniform: It itched and there wasn't enough brass and braid on it. It was a bit baggy on him too but the others told him that was just as well as the uniform would shrink and he'd grow. Besides, said the warriors, when you get to France you'll itch like you never itched before! They told him long and horrid stories about how the cooties would almost eat him alive. Scotty laughed at them. He was the happiest soldier in his company and just about the only one who didn't complain all day long. His big worry was that his mother would set up a shout and insist the Army send him home once she found out where he was. But when she wrote, she told him she understood how he wanted to serve his country and that he was big enough to make his own decisions. Scotty was happy at the letter, not realizing that the smears in the writing were not from a leaky pen but from tears that had fallen on the paper.

His long hours selling papers paid off in training. He didn't fold up in a heap the way some of the older guys did who had been sitting at a desk for years. Out on the rifle range he discovered a new talent. While the others watched Maggie's Drawers flash in their faces he was zeroing in on the bull as though he were shooting up a pipe. Everyone noticed the naturalness with which he handled his piece and the ease with which he put clip after clip into the center of the target. They noticed it enough to make him an automatic rifleman, an assignment of honor in any infantry company. The first time they handed him a shoo-shoo, he instinctively inserted the clip, lined up on a silhouette target and put a burst through the center

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you could have covered with the palm of your hand. In a week he could field strip the shoo-shoo blindfolded, pick out any defective parts just by touch, replace them and have the piece ready to fire in less time than it used to take to load a flintlock. The grown men in the company stopped thinking of him as a sort of mascot and began to think of him as an equal. Scotty liked that.

They began to feed Company H into the chopper. Scotty was with them. They put them in the front-line trenches where the German shells rained down day and night and where it was impossible to raise your head above the level of the trench tops without attracting a storm of machinegun and rifle fire. One man said it was like being in a low-ceilinged room in the pitch dark while high-tension wires, filled with man-killing electricity, were strung just over your head. If you lifted your head too high, even for an instant, you were dead.

Scotty hated the long hours spent wearing gas masks when even the air surrounding a man became deadly. Sleeping with a gas mask strapped over your face was a trick that few mastered. There were long dangerous hours on watch with orders to fire over the top of the trench every 10 minutes whether there was anything to shoot at or not.

Old faces began to disappear and new ones began to take their place. You'd borrow a tag from a guy and a few minutes later they'd be lugging him to the rear with maybe a neat hole where his eyes should be. Worse still, there was the stench of decaying bodies and filth, and that incessant itching of the cooties. Most of all, there was the wonder about when you were going to get it. It was a hell of a place for a kid to be growing up.

Scotty showed he was still a kid in some ways. Although the men in the platoon were convinced he was younger than he should be, he was so much like any other soldier they forgot. But his letters home revealed his youth. Most men, in the fetid air of the dugouts, scribbled encouraging letters. They didn't want the ones left behind to worry. Not Scotty. He wasn't worried and he couldn't imagine that the folks at home might be upset either. You wonder what his mother felt when she got this nonchalant letter: "I almost received a cross (medal) the third night in the trenches but it would have been a wooden one bearing the inscription R.I.P. The Hun had been firing on and off all day and the shells were bursting all around where we were. I am an automatic rifleman and with the others of the team I was standing guard on one of the bays. A shell burst twenty yards behind us and another burst in front of the trench about two feet from my head. A large piece of earth hit me and knocked me out for a few

minutes. When I came to I was covered with powder from the shell. An officer told me I was lucky. . . ."

In the month of July the 101st was slugging its way through Trugny Wood. The thrill of being out of the trenches and on the advance was wearing off fast as the Germans, with their stubborn resistance, took a tremendous toll. On July 23, Company H was spearheading the advance in their sector and had gone just a little bit too far in front of the rest of the division. This section of Belleau Wood was a snipers' paradise. Hidden



"Did you bring back any souvenirs of your trip to Mt. Rushmore?"

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machinegun nests waited until the Americans were in their sights before cutting loose. Snipers remained silent and hidden in trees and behind rocks and stumps until they were sure of their target and then there was one less American to worry them. Company H had finally worked itself into a dangerous, exposed position when it was suddenly hit from two sides by machinegun nests. A brisk fire-fight developed and Scotty kept his shoo-shoo hot until bullets and grenades had wiped out the opposition. It was then, after checking the heavy casualties, that the lieutenant made his request to Scotty.

The kid watched him disappear down the path. He fingered some clips out of his pocket and put them on the scorched earth by the blackened logs. How long before reinforcements would come up? Not too long. How long before counter-attacking Germans came down the path? It shouldn't be too long for that either. The lieutenant would be back as soon as he had his arm fixed, if he were able, and the Germans . . . a low voice gave a guttural command. Scotty put the shoo-shoo on automatic fire. Four scuttle

helmets appeared at the bend in the path. They came on in a crouch, weapons at the ready. Scotty waited, sucking in his breath. This was the first time he'd seen live Jerries so close. Now the enemy had a face. His finger caressed the trigger. The lead German stood up and gave a signal to the rest. Evidently they thought the coast was clear. They began to come on more confidently. He aimed low, knowing the recoil of the shoo-shoo would force his last shots high. His shots rang out, louder to him than the constant machinegunning and cannonading in the background. The Germans spun, crumpled and fell. One of them rose on one elbow and tried to throw a grenade but more heavy slugs tore into him and he flopped down and lay still.

Scotty exhaled, pushed a fresh clip into the piece and waited again. There were shouts down the path. Another group of Germans led by an officer came around the bend at a low run. When they saw the bodies of their comrades, they flopped to the ground behind whatever cover was available. Then they waited. Scotty did too. At last the officer raised his head and gave a go-ahead signal. Evidently he thought the coast was clear. The group of a dozen or more rose quickly to their feet and hurried on. Scotty waited until the first was a scant 10 yards from him and then began blasting away. Only two of them were able to get their rifles up for any kind of return fire before the whistling slugs cut them down. The only one to escape was the last man in line and he ran recklessly for the rear, losing his rifle in the process. Now the alarm would be out.

It was quiet again except for the constant noise of battle in the background. Where were the reinforcements? He reloaded and lifted his head cautiously. Almost at once bullets began to bite around him. As Scotty suspected, the Jerries were approaching him carefully this time, spread out, determined not to expose themselves to his deadly fire. Yet, such was the lay of the land and the ease with which he had chosen his position that it was impossible for the enemy to get a clean shot at him without exposing themselves fatally.

He began to swing his shoo-shoo from right to left, picking his targets carefully, firing short bursts whenever his sights lined up on the half-hidden figures. Cries, groans, and curses told him he was hitting home. By this time he figured 20 lay dead in front of his position. He felt a little surge of pride. They had put him there to stop the attack and save his company and that's just what he was doing. No man could do more, no matter what his age. More Germans skulked toward him to meet the same fate as their comrades. He tried to keep track of the number he had slain. Twenty-five. Twenty-eight. Again more. Again the

cries and then the silence. A silence all the more deadly because he knew what it meant. They were gathering for another rush. He checked his remaining ammunition. Not too much. The reinforcements had better hurry.

"Scotty! Scotty!" Someone was calling his name. "Where are you?"

Thank God. The others were on their way back. Boy, would they be proud of him. He lifted his head a little to see where his friends were. At that moment a German sniper, hidden in a tree, saw his chance and put a bullet straight between Scotty's eyes. He dropped over the deadly shoo-shoo, 16 years and 7 months old, the youngest American infantryman to be killed in action in World War I. More than 30 dead Germans were his legacy for his comrades.

They say the men of Company H wept with pride and then fought like madmen when they found him. Scotty was taken to a little Army cemetery and buried.

Years later, Brookline would bring his body home, raise memorials to him, and

bury him again with the pomp worthy of a prince. They put his body under a great boulder in St. Joseph's Cemetery not far from his home and on it they carved simply, "Scotty." He'd have been proud of that and he would have been prouder still if he could have read the citation of his posthumous D.S.C.:

"For extraordinary heroism in action in Trugny Wood, July 23, 1918. Private Scott, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily posted himself on an exposed flank to cover a means of approach of an enemy attacking party. Absolutely alone, he opened fire on the enemy, killing and wounding many and fully stopping the flank attack before he himself was killed by a sniper's bullet. By his heroic act he saved the company a great many casualties and assured the maintenance of the perilous position."

Maybe he'd have liked that best because they didn't mention his age.

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WHO'S SANE?

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his speech telling what a great guy he is. To almost any other audience it would have sounded like the bragging of an egomaniac, but most of the SANE crowd seemed to enjoy it even though some were obviously embarrassed for Pauling.

He finally had his fill of boasting and got to the scare statistics that are the keystone of any SANE meeting. He denounced warmongers and blamed the West for the cold war. He called for permanently ending our nuclear tests even if we don't know whether or not the U.S.S.R. is conducting them. He said that he discovered in the Soviet Union that the Russians are "moral people." He accused some Americans of favoring an arms race because they made money from it. Several times he gave facts or figures to prove a point—then admitted that he couldn't vouch for them.

Pauling devoted a large part of his speech to his appearance before the Senate committee, and it was during this discussion that I suddenly remembered the name of the man standing next to me. But my attention was drawn back to Pauling by his attacks on the committee and jokes about his hearing. However, to no one's surprise, he didn't answer the most important question the committee had asked: Who helped collect 11,000 signatures from all over the globe (including the U.S.S.R.) for a petition on banning nuclear tests? The crowd wasn't surprised by his failure to answer because they knew Prof. Pauling can keep a secret, even in the torture chambers of the Internal Security Subcommittee. They also knew—from his

own admissions—that he was smart, self-sacrificing and modest, but not even his most ardent admirers could have anticipated Pauling's next act of raw courage. Not content with combatting the Senate committee, he announced a simultaneous declaration of war on the House Committee on Un-American Activities!

Fortified by Pauling's example, I mustered the courage to ask my neighbor to autograph a SANE Committee program and, despite his surprise at the request, he did. A few seconds later the meeting was over and his companion rushed to the platform to lead Pauling through the crowd. Outside, she hustled him into a taxi and gave the driver an address.

Seeing them drive off together made me wonder about their tie with the observer in the rear of the ballroom—and I looked at my autograph of Alger Hiss:

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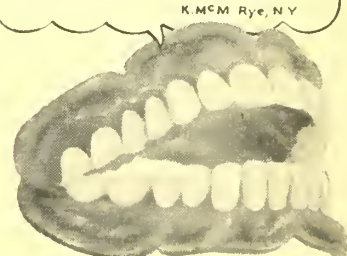
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ROD AND GUN CLUB



For the man with an interest in the great outdoors.

THERE HAVE BEEN many letters from readers asking how to start a gun club, believing, we guess, that the Legion Rod and Gun Club column is really a club. It isn't. It is a page for those of you who enjoy the outdoors. But there is help at hand for any who want to start their own club. The Sportsmen's Service Bureau, 250 East 43d St., New York 17, N. Y., has put together a 50c book that gives all the details, covering such questions as "How do we get started?", "Who'll do the organizing?", "What organizations can help us?", "What about membership dues?" and 50 others.



DID YOU KNOW raccoons are vain? Craig J. Kubik of Dickinson, N. Dak., says that when you set your trap for coons, put a mirror under it. Mr. Coon will stop to have a look at himself and when he puts his paw on the mirror, the jig is up. The trap springs and you have him.

THERE IS AN IDEA for enterprising Americans in a new Canadian venture recently started in Montreal by H. Y. Maranda, former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. On Feb. 23d, Mr. Maranda opened his Montreal Shooting Center, a club which already has several hundred members and which will soon reach its quota of one thousand. The club has 33 firing points on three floors for rifles, handguns and archery. Members pay \$25 a year, and they are carefully screened so that only responsible prospects are admitted. Children as well as adults are accepted as members, but before teenagers are permitted on the range they are given courses in gun safety, care of weapons and elementary ballistics. Shooters may purchase guns, ammunition and supplies at the Center.

Legionnaires who may want to learn more about this project, with the idea of setting up similar centers, are invited to visit Mr. Maranda's establishment at 5300 11th Ave., Rosemount, Montreal 36, P.Q., Canada. We met Mr. Maranda at the High Standard Manufacturing Co. plant at Hamden, Conn., and he expressed surprise that such shooting centers were not in operation here since U.S. gun laws are nowhere near as stringent as they are in Canada. He further expressed the opinion that such centers could become as popular as bowling alleys.

OUTDOORSMEN WILL WELCOME a new battery-powered rotary electric shaver introduced by Norelco which is the same size as a pack of cigarettes. It runs on two flashlight batteries and comes in a container that serves as a portable shaving center. This slim plastic case holds a mirror, a compartment for the shaver itself, a retractable cord, and the batteries. The twin-headed shaver has a flip-top which flicks open for easy cleaning. The price is \$19.95.

MAYBE SOME OF YOU gents still have a duck or two in the deep freeze. If so, you may want to try this recipe for duck à l'orange from Mrs. M. N. Stringer, Rt. 1, Bay Springs, Miss. Take 4- or 5-lb. ready-to-cook duck, 2 unpeeled oranges quartered, 1 clove garlic chopped, 1 tsp. salt, 3 whole black peppers, ½ cup melted butter or margarine, ¼ cup burgundy, ½ cup orange marmalade.

Preheat oven to 425°. Stuff duck cavity with orange quarters, garlic, salt and peppers. Truss and place on rack in shallow roasting pan. Brush top well with butter, pour burgundy over duck, roast uncovered 30 minutes, reduce heat to 375°, roast for 40 minutes, basting twice with pan drippings. Then turn it over on breast, roast 20 minutes, turn back again, roast 30 minutes basting twice with pan drippings. Spread duck thickly with orange marmalade, roast 10 minutes longer.



IT'S POSSIBLE TO get a fire going quickly and with little effort by using a propane torch, according to Ken Murray, of Colon, Mich., who suggests that such a torch is an excellent substitute for a small stove. The torch's extremely hot flame quickly dries out wet fuel and gets the fire started in a jiffy. Propped up under a pan or a can, it heats water fast or does your cooking. At night, you can turn it into a brilliant camp light by tying a 12¢ gas mantle over the burner's mouth.

WITH MORE BOYS' CLUBS and youth organizations going in for training in the use and handling of firearms, O. F. Mossberg & Sons are introducing two new models designed especially for youths and beginners. One is a .22 caliber target rifle, Model 320B,

and the other is a .410 gauge shotgun, Model 173Y. The rifle is a bolt action, single shot with precision peep sight, and it sells for \$26.50. The shotgun, also a bolt action, single shot model, sells for \$27.95. Further particulars may be obtained from W. L. Pierson, O. F. Mossberg & Sons, P.O. Box 1302, New Haven, Conn.

FOR YOU WHO are still lucky enough to be fishing in southern States, here's a tip on bait for panfish like perch. Get a balloon, preferably white, and cut a small piece out a little over an inch long and a ½ inch wide. Cut a few notches in one end so it looks like a hula skirt. Then put it on your hook and throw it overboard. William C. Lasch, 1029 South 18th St., Manitowoc, Wis., says it's good bait.



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HERE'S ANOTHER homemade bait from Mrs. Bertie Mincy, P.O. Box 525, Vicksburg, Miss. She likes to fish with a cane pole and line, using worms and live minnows as bait. When she runs out of them she goes to the drug store for a large box of empty capsules and a bottle of Sal Hepatica. She fills a few capsules with the Sal Hepatica, then punctures a hole or two in them with her fishhook. She sticks the capsule on her fishhook and throws it overboard. The Sal Hepatica fizzes for at least 15 minutes and she catches fish. Sometimes she paints the capsules red with fingernail polish. She says fish like colors. Anybody for Sal Hepatica?

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death rather than the birth of America's military prowess. The exhausted Americans were deserting by the dozens when Warren's appearance brought new confidence to their motley ranks.

Then there is William Prescott, the man of iron will and cold courage, who commanded the American fort, and kept his raw recruits together through a long hot day while British cannon rained shot all around them. To show the men they had nothing to fear from the thundering artillery, Prescott sprang up onto the parapet, and strolled casually along it, while the shot whistled and hissed around him. At that moment, across the harbor in Boston, Gen. Gage trained his glass on the American fort. Beside him was Prescott's loyalist brother-in-law, Abijah Williard. Gage asked Williard if he thought Prescott would fight.

"I cannot answer for his men," Williard said, "but he will fight you to the gates of hell."

Commanding the American flank was another unique character, Israel Putnam. A rotund, roaring, cursing veteran of a hundred battles against the French, Spaniards and Indians, "Old Put" was the Gen. Patton of the early days of the Revolution. Here is a description of him, from a contemporary: "He does not wear a large wig or screw his countenance into a form that belies the sentiments of his generous soul; he is not adept at politics or religious canting. . . . He is no shakehand body; he therefore is totally unfit for anything but fighting."

Equally fascinating is cantankerous John Stark, the other American leader at Bunker Hill. Tall, taciturn, with a hawk-nosed, almost Indian face, he was, like Putnam, a veteran of countless battles against the French and Indians. He led his New Hampshire men onto the battlefield as the fight was about to start, and the British were doing everything they could to cut off reinforcements. To get out onto Charlestown Peninsula, where the battle was fought, Stark had to cross Charlestown Neck, a strip of land barely 30 yards wide, enfiladed by fire from three sets of British artillery.

Without a word Stark led his column out onto the Neck. Ringshot, chainshot and ball whistled around them. But he refused to increase his pace. Finally one of his captains, Henry Dearborn, nervously asked him if they could "quicken the pace of the regiment." Years later Dearborn could still remember the answer: "With a look peculiar to himself, he said: 'Dearborn, one fresh man in battle is worth 10 tired ones,' and we continued to advance at the same regular pace."

The rest of the Revolution was equally full of such men. Pugnacious Henry

Knox, Washington's chief of artillery, who won the melee at Trenton by deploying his cannon as if they were motorized; thoughtful Nathanael Greene, the Quaker strategist, maneuvering Cornwallis into Yorktown with his brilliant southern campaign; Daniel Morgan and his riflemen, revenging in battle after battle the almost fatal lashing Morgan had received as a boy in the British Army; mountainous Baron de Kalb ordering his decimated companies to make a bayonet charge in the midst of the American catastrophe at Camden, and breaking through the whole British Army, forming up and breaking through again from the other direction! These names only skim the surface of the Revolution's amazing cast of characters.

But dramatic excitement is by no means the only thing the Revolution offers us today. Equally important is the effect which a realistic approach to those tumultuous days can have on our attitude toward contemporary America. We are a nation of optimists, and by one of the paradoxes of psychology, any defeat automatically seems to plunge us into the deepest gloom. When one plane is shot down over Russia, there are cries that our whole intelligence effort is hopelessly inept. When two clerks defect with secret information, the whole country's patriotism seems to come into serious doubt. Most important, we look around us, and see indifference and downright hostility to the best interests of America among our own neighbors and friends. *People don't care* goes the familiar complaint, *so why should I?*

If we throw away the gold paint and the rose-colored glasses, we will see the same things happening in 1776. Again and again, in his letters, Washington cried out against the indifference of the country. At Valley Forge, for instance, civilians only a few miles away were feasting while the soldiers gnawed on their pitiful "fire cakes" and melted snow for drinking water.

At Bunker Hill, in the very dawn of the Revolution, when one might logically suppose enthusiasm and courage were still fresh, there were more than a few disheartening failures. One colonel, with 600 reinforcements, went to pieces less than 500 yards away from the American fort. While the desperate Americans under Prescott and Warren fought with clubbed guns and fists against a tidal wave of British bayonets, the colonel and his men cowered behind rocks and trees wailing that it would be suicide to advance.

More than anything else, the Americans needed artillery if there was to be any hope of stopping the British. Yet Putnam caught one American artillery

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captain going hell for leather down the road in the wrong direction, as the British began their third and crucial advance. John Chester, a Connecticut captain, found an officer leading a whole company of men in that same wrong direction, while the battle raged ahead. They turned around only when Chester ordered his own men to fire on them if they retreated another step.

Am I recommending a study of American Revolutionary failures as an end in itself? Not at all. The contrast between these failures and the men who met the test is what constitutes their importance. At Bunker Hill there were at least 2,000 Americans who were ordered to the front, and never got there because they were afraid to cross the Neck in that hail of British fire. But 2,000 others, most of them youngsters of 18 and 19 who never heard a cannon fire before, went across that death-filled strip of earth, and fought well against British professionals, then considered the finest soldiers in the world.

One anecdote about Bunker Hill sums up my point better than anything else.

It concerns a regiment which had not been ordered to advance. As the sounds of the battle rolled across the hills, the men begged for permission to go for-

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ward. Finally their major agreed to lead them, and with a hundred men marched to the Neck. But when the major got a close look at the Neck, choked with dust and shrill with the whine of deadly metal,

he did an abrupt about-face. "Men," he quavered, "we have marched without orders. Let us all return to camp."

Out of the ranks stepped Capt. Benjamin Hastings, 71 years old. "Men," he said, "you that are not afraid, follow me. I am going out on that hill or die in the attempt." Thirty-three out of the hundred stepped out, and followed him to Bunker Hill.

If we could get 33 out of every hundred Americans with that kind of spirit to believe in this country, there would be no Russian menace, no race for cultural and economic superiority. We would be too far ahead to call it a contest. More than anything else, the Revolution tells us that our greatness lies not in doing what the man next door is doing, or thinking what he is thinking, but in a personal and individual decision about America which each man must make in his own heart. In the history of the Revolution we have a precious opportunity to inspire every man and woman in the nation to make this decision. We cannot afford to neglect it.

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THE VANISHING AMERICANS

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not only still alive but actually increasing indicates a tremendous battle won.

Too frequently we tend to think that passage of "No Hunting" laws is enough to protect a species approaching the vanishing point. The heath hen story, however, shows the error of such a belief. To protect those species endangered, refuges must be set up, food supplies assured and natural enemies, as much as possible, discouraged — all of

this in addition to regulations covering willful destruction.

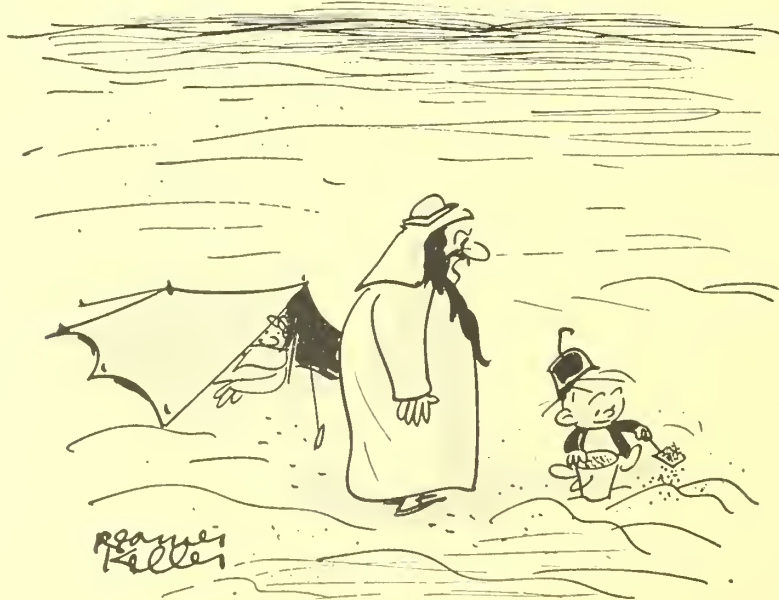
This could have been done with almost any of the species that have disappeared. It is now being done effectively with a relative few that are low in numbers — notably the whooping crane, the Florida manatee, the California condor, the trumpeter swan. The penalty for killing one of these creatures is high, as well it should be. Yet, the penalties

for destruction of other lamentably scarce species are ridiculously light or even nonexistent.

With one or two exceptions, the recent extinction of animal species has been due basically to man and not always, as many people believe, to hunting. Encroaching civilization creates probably the biggest single hazard for wildlife, for along with expanding civilization goes an ever-decreasing amount of natural habitat.

Just how great this danger is, relatively few people realize. The pattern of suburban living, mainly in the form of huge housing areas, drive-in theaters and restaurants, shopping centers, amusement parks and highways has eaten up a staggering amount of land. A new dual highway, for instance, consumes between 20 and 50 acres of land per mile, depending upon the size of the right-of-way. This is progress, of course, and such development could not be stopped even if we should want it to be. But it is extremely important that certain key areas be set aside as natural habitat — inviolate to encroachment — if certain species are to be saved.

This must be done while land prices are relatively low to make it economically feasible — or it will never be done. One organization making great strides toward this end is the Nature Conservancy, 2039 K St. NW, Washington 6, D. C. Throughout the country this organization is helping preserve areas of natural beauty. These are not parks with



"Now don't go spilling it all over!"

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manicured lawns, shelters, grills and other such accoutrements, but areas left in their natural state to provide future generations of man with a glimpse of true nature. Their purpose is also to encourage preservation of natural habitat for many species of animals, including those on the "scarce" list.

Back in the late 1930's, the future of our ducks looked very bleak indeed. Marshlands in Minnesota and North Dakota as well as in southern Canada, the prime breeding spots for these birds, were being drained for farming purposes. Hundreds of small potholes which produced millions of young ducks annually ceased to exist. A private organization, Ducks Unlimited, swung into action, managed to save many more areas from being drained and helped create new breeding spots for these waterfowl. The massive Hay Lakes project in Canada was one such effort.

Yet, while this organization has helped the ducks a great deal, reclamation of these marshlands for farming continues and the danger remains. Severe drought during the past few years has caused such a decline in ducks that hunting seasons and limits have been sharply reduced. Some species, such as the once incredibly numerous canvas-back and redhead ducks, are now completely protected.

The blackfooted ferret, formerly found wherever prairie dogs were found, has become so rare that it is an incident of great moment when the sighting of one is reported. Several species of grizzly bear have already become extinct and, in the United States, only the areas of Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks offer real hope for their preservation.

There is not sufficient space here to go into detail about the many other species in North America now on the rim of extinction. Some of the more notable species, however, are the kit fox, elephant seal, mangrove fox squirrel, southern sea otter, roseate spoonbill, Franklin's grouse, great white heron, Everglades kite, American crocodile, green sea turtle, Great Lakes sturgeon, grayling and others.

As mentioned, the gradual disappearance of these species is almost always attributable to one or more of several basic man-caused reasons. At one time the foremost reason was injudicious commercial use, which is now fairly well-controlled. Plume hunters nearly destroyed the American egret and other birds; wild ducks were sold in barrels by the millions on the open market at little cost; large wild game was killed for the hides alone to provide cheap leather.

Hunting and trapping has played a part and still does to a certain, limited degree. Extension and improvement of travel facilities has played a very great

part in the decimation of certain species. At one time scientific collection (the greatest shame of all!) was directly responsible for abetting the destruction of certain species, such as the great auk. The introduction of exotic species has caused irreparable damage. The starling for instance, imported from Europe, has no noteworthy natural enemies, eats a tremendous amount of food which is needed by native species and competes with such birds as the crested fly-catcher and the bluebird for nesting holes. The mongoose, released in Hawaii, has all but exterminated the Hawaiian goose. The German brown trout has virtually supplanted the grayling in the streams of Michigan and other states.

While the overall picture seems dark, there are bright spots. Concerted effort in the past has saved species from extinction and it can do so again. Examples of such "in-the-nick-of-time" revivals to reasonably safe population levels include the bison, prong-horned antelope, wapiti, fur seal, snowy egret and wood duck.

In each case, these creatures have been saved through concerted efforts to establish refuges, provide food and breeding areas and preserve natural areas as much as possible. Dozens of different organizations are constantly working toward the preservation of other vanishing species, often against terrific odds and with more zeal than money.

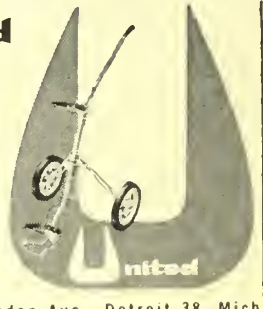
Federal controls have been established and international treaties entered into but in many cases they provide too little, too late. Private organizations such as the already mentioned Nature Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited, as well as the National Audubon Society, the Izaak Walton League and others have done magnificent work.

Often the interested party can help by merely contributing information. The National Audubon Society, for instance, is very much alarmed over the sharp decrease in the bald eagle, our national bird. It is seeking information from anyone throughout the country regarding sightings, including numbers seen, location, etc. You may reach the Society at 1130 5th Ave., New York 28, N. Y.

Have no doubt about it, the need is there. The magnificent ivorybill woodpecker, largest on this continent, was last seen over a decade ago and is probably now extinct. It might have been saved had steps been taken in time. There are now estimated to be fewer than 800 grizzly bears left alive, less than 70 California condors and under 100 each of the Florida cougar, desert kit fox, blackfooted ferret, Key deer, tule elk, Sierra bighorn sheep and others.

Will their names be added to that sorrowful listing "Unreported for Years and Believed Extinct" in the near future? It doesn't have to happen and we can prevent it. Will we? THE END

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One of its best features is its high resistance to blistering and peeling. Vapor coming from inside the wall can pass right through it. The pressure of vapor trying to force its way through impermeable film is what causes most blistering. Its blister-resisting qualities are assured, however, only if it is applied over bare new wood, or wood from which all paint has been removed.

Latex paint must always be applied over the special primer recommended by the manufacturer. Once a house has been painted by the latex system, primer is unnecessary for future paint jobs. Applied according to instructions, latex may be expected to last 50 percent longer, in some cases two or three times longer, than other paints.

How long should paint last? Repainting should not be done oftener than every 4 or 5 years, or two coats every 6 years. If you paint too often you may build up a thick film. A film that is too thick will crack or alligator and have to be scraped off down to the bare wood. If paint is merely dirty, wash your house, and save the difference. Repaint only after most of the old paint film has weathered away.

Don't be in a rush to repaint over a paint that has failed. You may build up too thick a film. If paint has worn away in less than four years, due to poor quality or thin application, repainting may be safely undertaken. If paint is in good condition, but shabby looking, a "one-coat" paint may be all that is required to freshen it up.

A good white oil paint will last 4 to 5 years, a tinted oil paint 5 to 6 years, and dark colors 6 to 8 years. Latex paints, properly applied, may be expected to last even longer.

Natural finishes on wood, such as spar varnishes, are far less durable than paint, must be renewed every year or two, and often the old finish must be removed completely before a new coat is applied. A long-lasting clear finish for wood has yet to be developed.

Penetrating natural finishes are much more durable than the clear ones and easy to renew. There's nothing to remove. You just apply more finish. Shingle stains penetrate wood and ob-

scure grain, last from 5 to 10 years. Since they aren't a surface coating, they never blister, crack or flake away as other coatings do.

Choosing the right color. Color is a matter of personal taste, but it can also be an effective tool in improving the lines of your house. You can make a boxy, top-heavy, two-story house look lower and longer by painting its upper level dark. Painting a chimney cap black will also make a house look lower. A house painted white looks larger than a house painted a dark color. It's also cooler in summer.

Don't use too many colors. Avoid a too-busy look. Unify a jumble of unlike

materials and make a house look larger by painting dissimilar materials the same color. If you don't want to paint brick to blend it in with the rest of the house, perhaps you can paint the wood a shade to blend with the brick.

Use the same color when you want to unify or deemphasize features, contrasting colors to point them up. Accentuate a desirable feature, such as a front door, by painting it a contrasting color. If you don't want your garage door or your toolhouse to stand out, *don't* paint it a contrasting color!

If your roof color doesn't go with the color you would like to paint your house, you may be able to paint the roof. The new latex paints can be used on asphalt shingles or on wood shingles which have been creosoted or stained. If you have a black or dark-colored roof, you will find a pastel shade will make your house cooler during summer months and materially reduce air conditioning costs.

Whatever your color choice, avoid garish tones which will make your house clash with neighboring houses and surroundings.

Estimating paint needs. First, calculate the wall area of your house. Do this by multiplying its perimeter by its average height plus two feet. For example, a house 24x48 feet will have two 24-foot sides and two 48-foot sides, or a total perimeter of 144 feet. An average height of 13 feet plus 2 feet is 15 feet. Multiplying 144 by 15 gives 2,160 square feet as the wall area of the house.

The label on the paint can will tell how much surface the paint covers. Average for a primer is about 450 square feet per gallon. Dividing 2,160 by 450 indicates that 5 gallons will be needed for the prime coat. A typical finish coat may cover 550 square feet, so 4 gallons should do it. To be sure you have enough, always estimate paint needs on the liberal side. It's good to have a little extra left over for future touchups.

For an average house, you can safely figure on 1 gallon of trim paint for every 5 gallons of regular paint. A gallon will usually do about 30 windows. In addition, get a gallon of good water-repellent wood preservative such as Woodlife. Use it on the bottom of doors, on sills, in cracks, or any place rot is likely to start.

Avoid thinning paints. Most are designed to be used just as they come from the can. Many homeowners are inclined to spread paint too thinly. Paint on a house should be about the thickness of paper money. To get a film this thick on new wood usually requires three coats.

To gauge the proper spreading rate, make a test as follows: If a gallon of paint covers 550 square feet, a pint of it

Chaplain's Corner

By REV. ANDREW J. COOPER
Department Chaplain, Alabama

Heavenly Father, Thou art our refuge and our strength. We are grateful for the noble ideals which were established in this land by our forefathers, and for the determination with which they sought to make those ideals permanent. We beseech Thee to give us the same courage and determination to remain loyal and grateful sons of our great country.

We thank Thee for life, liberty, and the free choice of happiness.

Bless our country, its leaders and all public servants. May we hasten to obey Thy voice, which calls us to render service for the preservation of noble ideals in the earth. May our daily activities meet with Thy divine approval in helping to bring about a better way of life for those we seek to serve.

Gracious God, we beseech Thee to make us eager and steadfast in our devotion to Justice, Freedom and Democracy. We pray that we might ever be faithful to our God and to our country and that we may be more worthy of the privilege of following Thee. Keep us humble but keep us true. In the name of our Lord, we pray.

Amen.

should cover just over 78 square feet, or an area 6x13 feet. See how close you come to it, then make adjustment accordingly.

Brush, sprayer or roller? A brush works paint into the surface better than any other tool, and assures best coverage. Even if you use a sprayer, or rollers, you'll still need brushes.

A sprayer is at last four times faster than brushes. It can do a complete house in two days, but some brush work will be necessary on trim. For shutters, latticework, and rough surfaces, a sprayer is unexcelled. There is nothing very difficult about spraying. Actually, a sprayer is easier to master than a brush, and an hour or two of playing around with it will give you the knack.

Those who are partial to sprayers maintain that the penetrating quality of a paint depends on its chemical and physical properties, and that spraying is in every way equal to brushing. Other experts recommend that a prime coat should be brushed and only finishing coats sprayed.

Spraying does have drawbacks. Wind may carry paint speckles where they are not wanted, and so more extensive coverup and masking is necessary. It wastes paint. Further, more coats may be required, for though spraying gives exceptionally smooth covering, it is likely to be thinner than brushwork.

Paint rollers can also be an important timesaver. They work best on flat, smooth surfaces such as clapboard. You can buy a complete roller outfit for under \$5, so try it out. There is no denying a roller is often an excellent supplement to brushes. For average exterior work, a deep-pile (1 1/4-inch) lambskin cover

(9-inch size, \$2.50) serves satisfactorily. For getting into cracks and corners, you can use a corner roller (\$1). Its business end is a tapered resilient plastic-foam wheel.

Play it safe. The most hazardous part of painting is ladder work. Be sure your climbing equipment is in good condition, and that it is firmly planted before you get on. The base of a ladder should extend out from the wall a distance equal to one-fourth its height. If it is too close to the house, it may tip. If it is too far out, it may slip. Move the ladder as required. Don't overreach. Be wary of electric wires, particularly with metal ladders. Don't set a ladder in front of a door without locking the door.

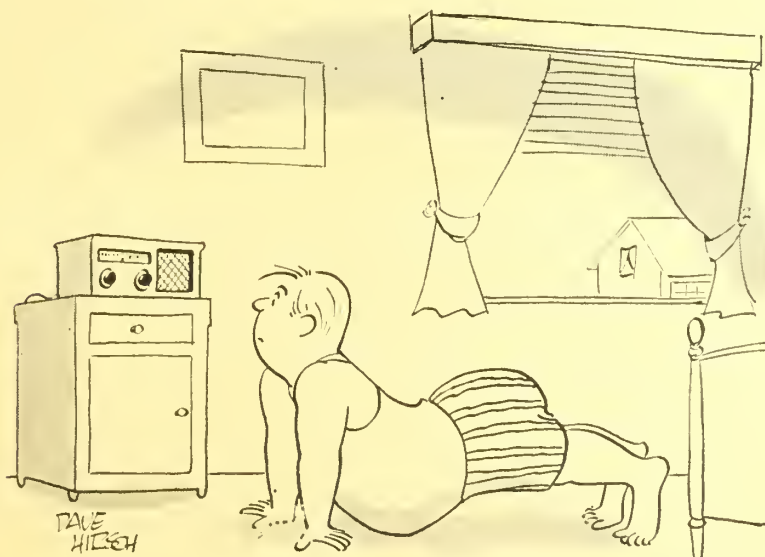
Don't use a blowtorch for burning off paint without first checking on your insurance. It may not pay off if you burn down your own house. Dry shingles and siding can be like tinder. Wood may smoulder without your being aware of it. When you leave, a breeze can carry flame up inside the wall. New chemical paint removers, which require no after-wash, will do your paint stripping just as fast, and certainly more safely.

Keep inflammable solvents away from fire. Dispose of oily paint rags in a covered can. Spontaneous combustion is possible if they are left in the open.

Painting is not particularly strenuous, done in moderation. But if you continue it for hours at a time and drive yourself to get the job done, it may be a different story. Climbing up and down ladders is especially taxing on the heart. If you are not accustomed to physical exertion, take it easy.

Happy painting!

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their share in "toughening the audience." But even the most flagrant offerings of television, theater or cinema seem less outrageous when they are compared with the nauseating offal of perverted minds which is flooding the country in the form of films, decks of "playing" cards, "comic" books, paperbacks and pictures. These are the unquestionably obscene. Only a few degrees less deadly is the even vaster deluge of vile and indefensible material which falls into what might be termed the "twilight zone." This is the brazen, vulgar and salacious material which is just short of being "hard-core" pornography. It includes photographs, slides, movies, magazines and suggestive articles. While it does not meet the definition of "hard-core" pornography, it is not fit for the indiscriminating mind of juveniles. It can appeal only to the adult with the immature type of mind which feeds on the loose, the salacious and the immoral. Unhappily, this material has been reaching the hands of growing numbers of juveniles over the past years and as those warped by it become adult, they form a growing circle of customers who patronize that most despicable of creatures, the smut merchant.

This king of corruption is no simple nuisance dealing in meager returns. He is in a business in which millions of dollars annually are involved.

In a recent address, a high official of the Post Office Department made the following statement:

"Mail order obscenity has become a racket of gigantic proportions. There are no more dangerous, unprincipled criminals in existence than those exploiting this racket. Their overriding goal is to extend the vast market for their filth among the children of America. Already, we can estimate that one million children a year are receiving pornographic filth in their family mail box."

This official stated before a congressional committee that the Post Office Department is flooded with more than 50,000 complaints annually. We in the Federal Bureau of Investigation receive scores of similar complaints each month. We forward them immediately to the Post Office Department which has jurisdiction in such matters. The following excerpt is typical of these letters:

"My son, who is 16 years old, received this unspeakable filth in his mail. It was entirely unsolicited. Perhaps his name was taken from someone else's mailing list as he has sent for several magazines on magic.

"You have asked for anyone who has received this type of mail to report it.

"I hope by my doing this it will protect other boys of my son's age."

Can a child be corrupted and ruined by the stream of filth now being circulated surreptitiously on an immense scale? Of course he can! The moral degenerates engaged in merchandising smut draw no line as to the age of their customers. They are seeking to develop new customers and the curious adolescent—and, in growing numbers of cases, the pre-adolescent—whose standards of



judgment are unformed and whose knowledge is limited, is a natural target.

What is the likelihood that this child "target" will be prone to experiment on the basis of the perverted activities so graphically portrayed? Isn't it very probable that the child whose home training is not sound will be tempted to indulge in the practices exposed to him?

I think there is no question in the minds of law enforcement officers as to the harmful effects of obscenity. The chief of the juvenile division in the police department of one large southwestern city has repeatedly made this clear. He obviously is convinced that the all-time high number of sex offenses on the part of juveniles is due in large part to the poisonous literature passing through the hands of children. In a published news feature he indicated a belief that suggestive or obscene literature which may make only a passing impression on one youngster would trigger an entirely different reaction in another. He pointed up his convictions by citing local cases.

In one instance, he indicated, a 14-year-old youth who committed immoral acts on 4- and 5-year-olds said he did so after viewing obscene playing cards with a homosexual theme making the rounds of his neighborhood. A 16-year-old youth attempted to rape a 4-year-old girl. This boy said pornography was the cause. Another youth—this one 15 years of age—dragged a 9-year-old girl into heavy brush and attempted to rape the child. He had committed similar offenses on two prior occasions in other cities. In each previous instance, investigation showed that the offense occurred after

the reading of pornographic literature.

The officer citing the above crimes referred to a case in which a 14-year-old boy made improper suggestions in telephone calls to more than 200 women, most of them housewives, after being excited by a package of pornographic literature. The officer also discussed an incident in which four small boys, ages 6, 8, 10 and 12, committed homosexual acts after viewing lewd pictures.

Inspector Harry Fox of the Philadelphia Police Department, formerly commanding officer of the Juvenile Aid Division of that city, testifying before the congressional committee which was mentioned earlier, indicated his unqualified belief that pornography is a major cause of sex violence. He added that he was sure practically all police in the nation believed that this is so. He said:

"I believe reading the material is going to stimulate them for the various sex acts for which we apprehend them. When we apprehend juveniles, we search them. I wish I could lay before you all the obscene pictures that have been ripped out of magazines and valued as cherished possessions by these boys."

This officer cited numerous instances in which he found lewd and obscene material had played a motivating role in sex crimes which had been investigated by his department.

The jurisdiction of the FBI with relation to pornographic material in general covers only one phase—transportation interstate except by mail. Juvenile involvement in this area is generally of concern to local authorities. There are, of course, many individual cases in which an investigation in connection with the violation of a law under our jurisdiction necessitates delving into the background of earlier crimes and delinquencies on the part of a suspect. This is particularly true in those cases in which the Federal violation is incidental to a more brutal crime such as rape or murder.

We are currently investigating a kidnapping in which a small boy was brutally murdered by a vicious sex pervert. Scores of suspects have been, and are being, questioned. In the course of this questioning, one admitted pervert, burglar and safecracker advised that he had begun his criminal career with the breaking and entering of a garage, from which tires were subsequently stolen, when he was 13. This man was questioned concerning his activities just prior to this first offense which he remembered so well. He recalled that he and a friend of about the same age had engaged in reading pornographic material. Becoming excited by this stimulus, the boy of

13 had thereafter committed the initial violation in his long and depraved criminal career.

In the light of such data and the experiences related by local officers, each time I am asked if there is a relationship between the flood of filthy smut which dealers of pornography spew forth and the current high incidence of crime, I am forced to say what I have said on many prior occasions:

I believe pornography is a major cause of sex violence. I am convinced that if we can eliminate the distribution of obscene matter among impressionable school-age children we can reduce the current sex crime rate.

There was, during the first 9 months of the year 1960, an 8 percent increase in the crime of forcible rape as compared with the same period for the prior year. At the same time, a 3 percent increase in aggravated assault occurred and a 4 percent rise in murder was noted. Even more frightening—encompassing, as they do, portents for the future—statistics for the full year of 1959 reveal that young people under the age of 18 accounted for 18.8 percent of all arrests for forcible rape.

How can we account for this rise in vicious crimes against the person—to say nothing of a far more startling rise in crimes against property? To my knowledge, there is no yardstick by which the reasons for an increase in a specific crime can be measured with exactitude. Too many factors enter the average crime picture for any sensible person to say, "This alone is responsible." At the same time, only the extremely shortsighted will close their eyes to contributing causes. And, let me emphasize my belief that this sharp increase in the incidence of brutal sex crimes very well may be occasioned by the flood of nauseating obscenity currently deluging these United States.

Edwin Hubbell Chapin, an American

clergyman, once put it: "This is the essential evil of vice, that it debases a man."

It is, in almost all instances, the debased individual who commits crimes. Where and when does the process of debasement begin? It is not, of course, the law enforcement officer's responsibility to ascertain this, but in instance after instance he finds clear evidence of moral debasement having preceded commission of a crime of violence. Such evidence, in the form of quantities of obscene material, was found among the effects of a badly wanted fugitive with a long criminal record just after he had shot and killed a special agent of the FBI.

Not long ago I noted a news item setting forth details of a car theft. Five youths—four of them 16 and one 17—and two 14-year-old girls reportedly advised arresting officers they had taken the vehicle and were en route to visit relatives in another State. According to the item, the girls received sentences for vagrancy and the five youths were held for a grand jury on charges of possessing a stolen auto. The news item also indicated that two of the youths had received 6-month sentences for possessing obscene pictures.

It cannot, of course, be said that the obscene pictures in this instance, were the direct cause of the car theft. Their existence, however, is evidence of the kind of debasement which such destructive filth promotes, thus opening the way to immorality and crime.

There are many things that you can do to protect your family and your community from the corrupting influence of obscene matter.

Give your local police department sound and workable laws to enforce. See that the laws regarding smut are stern enough to discourage pornography salesmen.

When you find obscene material for sale in your community, make your

voice heard. Complain to the adults involved. Notify your local police. Don't be reluctant to criticize those who put dollars before decency.

Make sure that penalties for smut peddling are realistic. Ascertain whether or not penalties for second and third offenses are increasingly severe.

Remember your courts will decide what is obscene based on the standards of your community.

Place your support behind those who are striving to raise the level of community morality. Add your voice to public opinion in support of your public officials and legislators who are seeking sound means to stem the current tide.

Strive to make objective judgments in differentiating between liberty and license. Join, or otherwise support, those sound and reasonable organizations in your community which are working to eradicate the sale of obscene matter.

Should your child receive smut through the mails, notify your local postmaster. If you have reason to believe that obscene matter has been transported across State lines other than through the mails, notify your local FBI office.

Help provide a sound environment for young people in your community. Make sure that your own children acquire a healthy knowledge of sex facts in your home. Encourage them to expend their energy through normal, wholesome, creative outlets.

The English poet, Robert Southey, said:

"As surely as God is good, so surely there is no such thing as necessary evil."

The torrent of obscene material currently being spewed across this land by amoral muck merchants is most certainly evil—but just as certainly we do not have to allow evil to triumph. We can preserve the traditional spiritual and moral principles which undergird our nation. We can refuse to countenance the merchants of filth. THE END

MR. FORD'S TIN GOOSE

(Continued from page 23)

of 79 feet, was about 450 miles, or approximately four hours.

In 1930, a souped-up tri-motor succeeded in establishing a multi-engine speed record of 164 miles per hour.

What made the Tin Goose a wanted item were its quick takeoff, heavy load capacity, slow speed and high rate of climb. Even today, a loaded tri-motor can be off the ground in about six seconds, equal to about 200 feet.

As popularity increased, options were added to cater to everyone's interests. Tri-motors were available with overstuffed chairs, divan, card tables, refrigerators, lavatory and running water, all depending on the customer's preferences.

The tri-motor undoubtedly made its most significant contribution to history in 1929. Adm. Richard E. Byrd enlisted the aid of 4 tri-motors and 50 men to prepare for his 1,600-mile flight to the South Pole. His trip in the *Floyd Bennett* was preceded by weeks of preparation. Prior to the flight, the weather was so cold that the engines had to be warmed with a gas torch. Oil was heated on a stove before being poured into the engine.

Limping along in 15-degrees-below-zero weather, the tri-motor struggled ahead. In order to get across two of the jagged peaks guarding the polar plateau, Byrd gave orders to dump 250 pounds of

food and supplies—a 3-week emergency backlog in case they were forced down. Pilot Bernt Balchen coaxed the tri-motor upward—she responded—and the ship with its 15,000-lb. load edged over by a scant few feet. The 18-hr. flight made history and gave the United States an aviation "first."

The Tin Goose also contributed to the humor of the times. In 1928, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge was selected to christen a plane inaugurating the first mail and passenger service between the United States and South America.

The plane chosen for this "first" was a Fokker dubbed, appropriately, the *Christopher Columbus*. Unknown to

many, the *Columbus* had been damaged the week before and was unable to fly.

Rather than spoil this monumental occasion, a Ford tri-motor was flown in for the christening ceremony, her fuselage emblazoned with the freshly painted letters *Christopher Columbus*.

Mrs. Coolidge smashed the champagne bottle, cameras clicked, and the stand-in tri-motor zoomed away — not to South America, as originally scheduled (and as the crowd believed), but back to New York where the real plane was undergoing repairs.

Another humorous anecdote of the late twenties was pictured in *The New York Times* roto section. An 8x10 photo showed how it was "possible to climb to the tail of a tri-motor in flight to make repairs." A man was pictured hanging below the fuselage, halfway between the tail and the door, at a 1,500-ft. altitude.

The caption read, "Another step to greater safety in passenger flying." No comment was made on what repairs would be needed on a plane capable of flying straight and level enough to enable a mechanic, with no parachute, to attach his belt to a cable and slide to the tail!

The Ford tri-motors were gaining world fame, and cloth-covered planes such as the Fokker were fast disappearing. The death of famous Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne in a Fokker plywood model signaled the death knell of these ships. His death was attributed to "structural failure in a storm," but the possibility of dry rot in the superstructure was not entirely discounted.

The tri-motors were heralded for their many unique uses. Royal Typewriter Co.

bought one and equipped it with a hatch hole, manned by a shipping clerk. The ship visited out-of-the-way typewriter distributors by air, parachuting machines three at a time in remote areas to save landing time.

In 45 days, the plane flew 14,350 miles to 114 cities in 27 States delivering its airborne booty. A humorous editorial of the time asked the question, "What's going to happen when they start delivering pianos this way, particularly when the parachute doesn't open?" Luckily, no one ever found out!

A new Ford tri-motor plant had stepped up production from three a week to one a day. But increasing economic gloom abruptly curtailed production. In 1933, the tri-motor factory was out of business. The tightening market, need for a faster, more economical plane, the accidental death of three Ford test pilots, and the money lost by Ford in producing the planes were the chief reasons.

Fortune magazine estimated Ford lost between \$1 and \$3 million in building tri-motors.

Now, nearly 30 years later, 11 of the original 199 are known to be operating. Two make regularly scheduled commercial flights from the mainland to the tiny islands of Lake Erie. In summer, the planes are jammed with vacationers. During winter months, when the lake is frozen solid, the tri-motors zip into the tiny airfields with food and supplies.

The Johnson Flying Service of Missoula, Mont., uses several Ford tri-motors for hauling freight, spraying timber, and carrying parachute-jumping forest firefighters. The high stabilizer allows a

chute-free fall, making the tri-motor a real favorite with jumpers.

Passengers and crew alike praise the high-mounted engines and square picture windows, which allow maximum visibility.

An Arizona sportsman-pilot has a tri-motor which he uses to fly hunters and fishermen in and out of remote hunting areas. Mules or a smaller plane might attempt to do such a job, but they couldn't carry the load or save the time possible with a tri-motor.

Other Tin Geese are still believed to be in use in Central and South America, hauling diesel oil and mining equipment in and out of hard-to-reach areas.

About 10 years ago, these limited but necessary modern-day needs got veteran Stout interested in once again cranking up tri-motor production. Original blueprints of the tri-motor plane were presented Stout and his fellow California business associates by Henry Ford II, then company president. At that time it was Stout's hope to build 100 tri-motors at a sale price of \$100,000 each — with no structural changes except for smaller, more powerful engines!

One contemplated change in the modern-day counterpart was brakes mounted on the pedals, rather than the outmoded handbrake located between the pilot and copilot. The ship's overall weight would closely conform to the original 12,500 pounds.

Perhaps nostalgia contributed more than anything to Stout's enthusiasm. He had found memories, and at least one memento—a tiny piece of tri-motor metal sent to him by an Air Force general. It came from an aged Tin Goose used to evacuate personnel from Bataan in the Philippines during World War II.

Although the 15-year-old tri-motor could comfortably accommodate about 12 people over a 300-mile range, the dependable Goose had been flying evacuees 500 miles over water twice a day — with 24 passengers aboard!

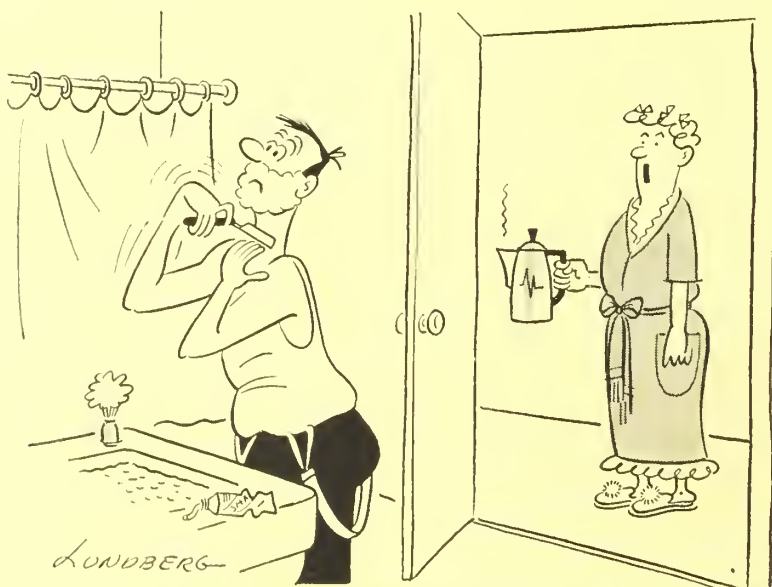
The evacuation plane was later found as a pile of scrap by the general, who reported it had been strafed almost beyond identity by the Japanese.

Incidents such as these no doubt contributed to Stout's fond memories, for he helped create a plane successfully used by the Army, Navy and Marines, a plane that operated on wheels, floats and skis, a plane that had carried searchlights, dusted timber, sprayed crops, hauled machinery, gas, oil, live cattle and precious human cargo.

Perhaps a new Tin Goose may someday become a reality. But without the guiding force of William B. Stout, it's a remote possibility.

The Tin Goose has made a contribution to history as no plane before it ever did — and quite possibly — as no other plane ever will!

THE END



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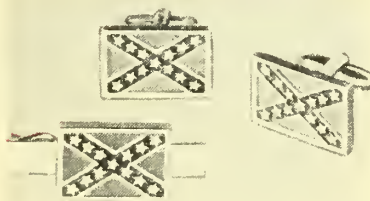
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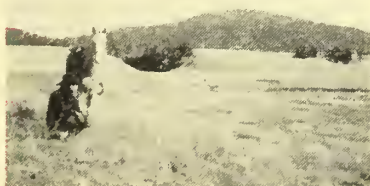
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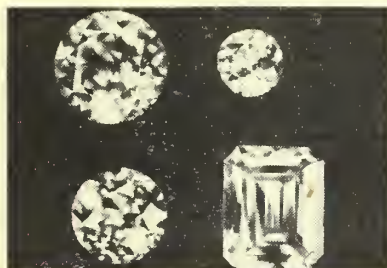
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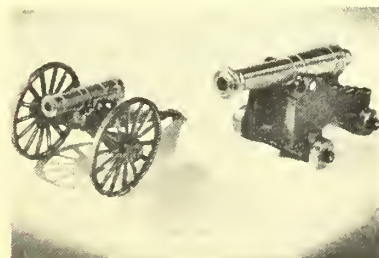
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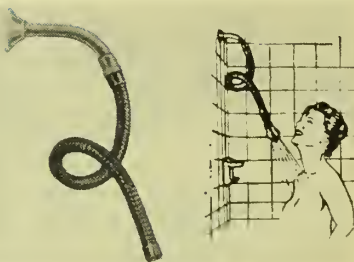
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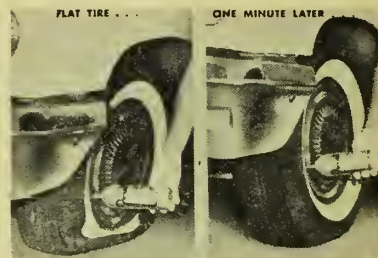
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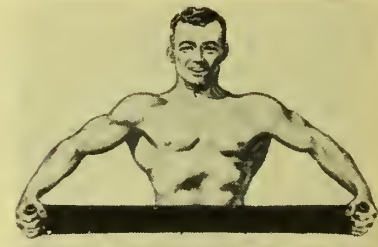
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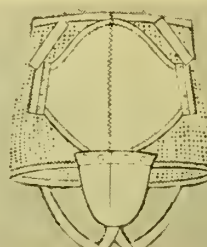
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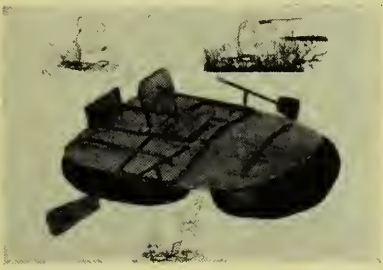


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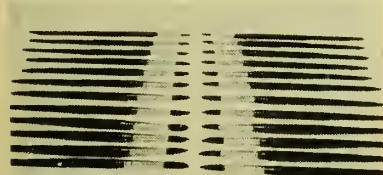
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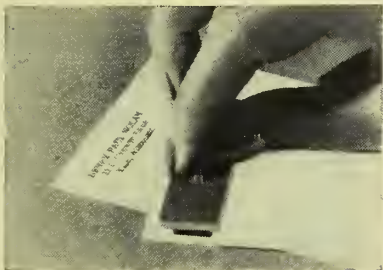


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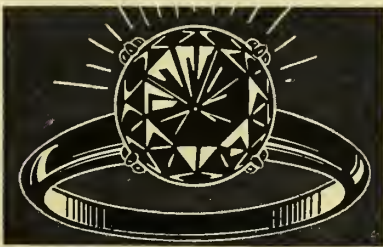
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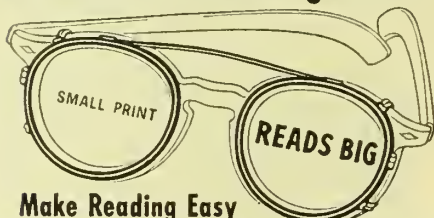
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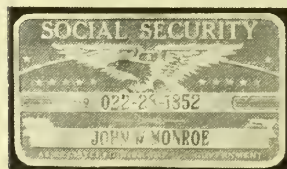
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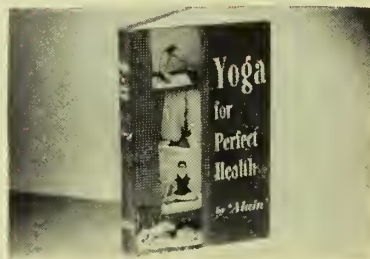
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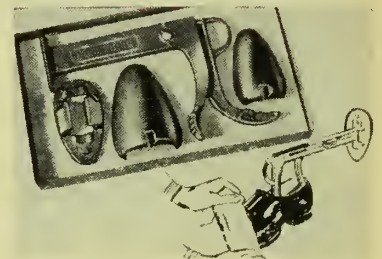
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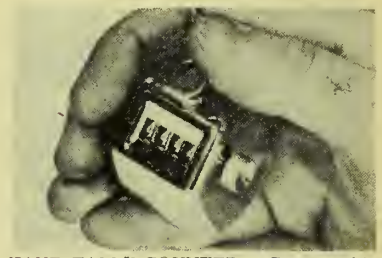
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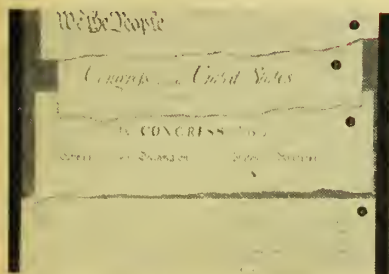
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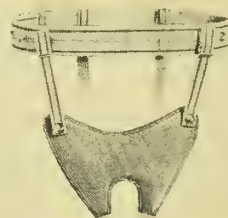
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—JOSEPH C. SALAK

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*One thing that's harder on a man than
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—FRANKLIN P. JONES

Pointing It Out

The five-year-olds were out on recess when a fire truck went pounding by. Seated up front with the driver was a very large Dalmatian dog. The dog soon became the prime topic of conversation among the children.

"They use him to keep the people back," said one five-year-old.

"Oh, no, they don't," opined another little tyke. "He's only the fireman's mascot."

A bright little girl brought the discussion to a close when she said, "He's the dog the firemen use to find the fireplugs!"

—HARRY RAMSAY

Diamond in the Very Rough

Something we learn the hard way
Is a lesson we all get
In the school of experience:
There is no teacher's pet.

—HAROLD HELFER

Singleton

A bachelor is a man who is footloose and fiancée free.

—F. G. KERNAN

Anguished Angler

*Man is top banana of all creation,
Fish are assigned to a lowlier station.
But, after a day totin' rod and reel,
When I stagger home with an empty reel,
To face the truth is mortifyin' me.
How come the fish are smarter'n me?*

—ETHEL JACOBSON

The True Workers

Those who make their dreams come true
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—CY N. PEACE

Weather Forecast

Some people living in the east had wanted for several years to see the Indians of southwest Arizona do their Rain Dance. Finally they were able to make the trip. Sure enough, the day after the Rain Dance was held, the skies opened up and a heavy

downpour followed. A couple of the visitors were sitting in the lobby of the little hotel talking to an elderly native as they watched the rain come down.

"The Rain Dance of the Indians sure works," said one of the visitors.

"It certainly does," agreed the native. "It had me stumped for a long time but I finally caught on."

"Caught on to what?" asked the first. "The way they do it," he replied. "Them Indians just wait for a rainy day and then hold their dance the day before!"

—DAN BENNETT

No Kidding

The go-getter, it is agreed,
Is the kind of a guy to succeed,
And I probably ought to agree.
But instead, it's my gripe
That the go-getter type
Is just a goat-getter to me.

—BERTON BRALEY

Feminine Reasoning

*Many a wife has helped her husband to
the top of the ladder — then decided the
picture would look better on the other wall.*

—JAMES SCALES

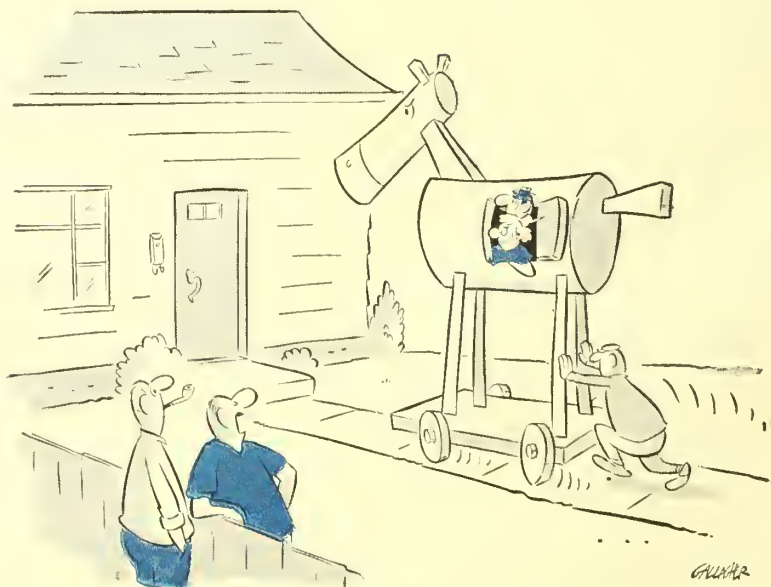
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